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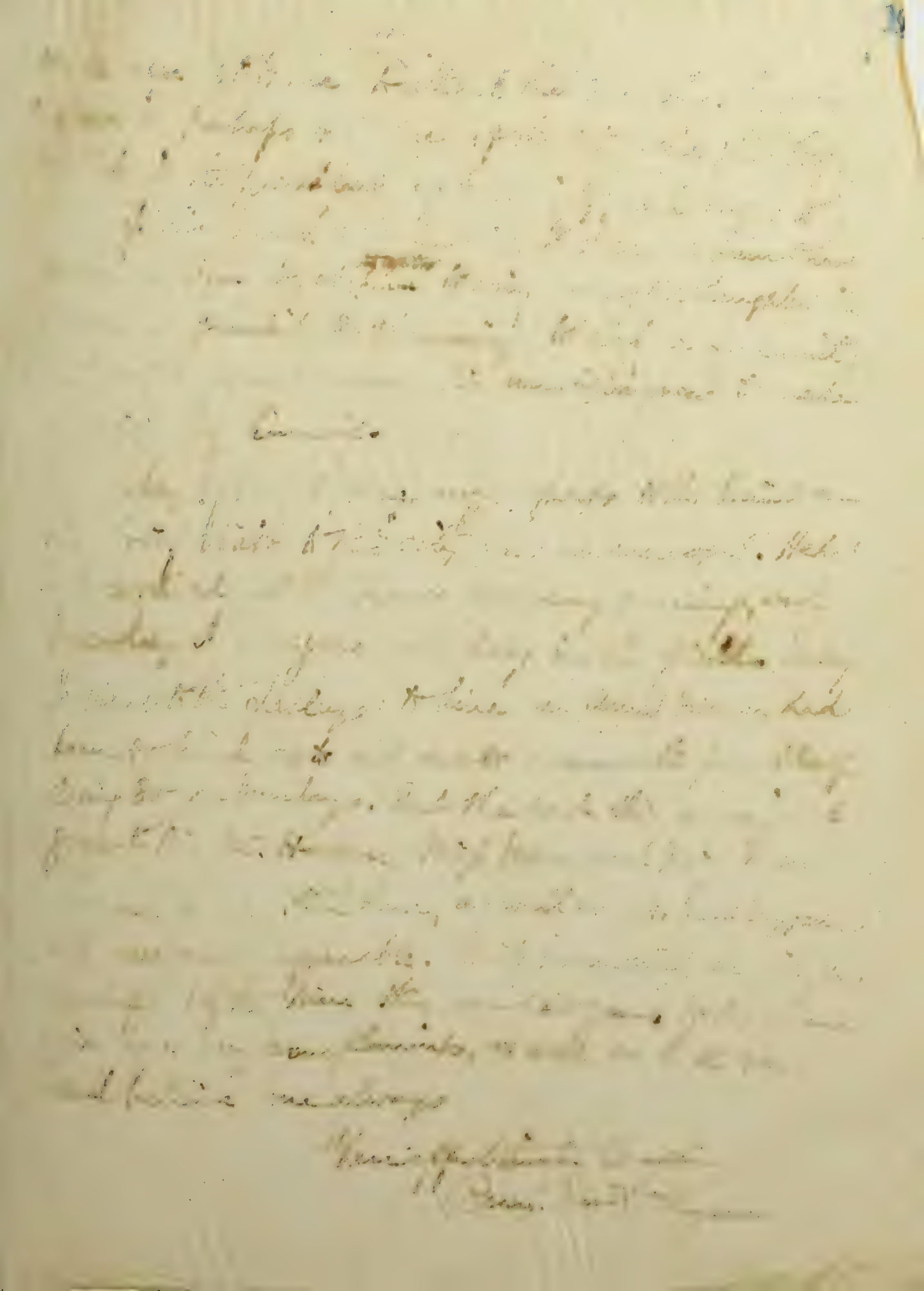

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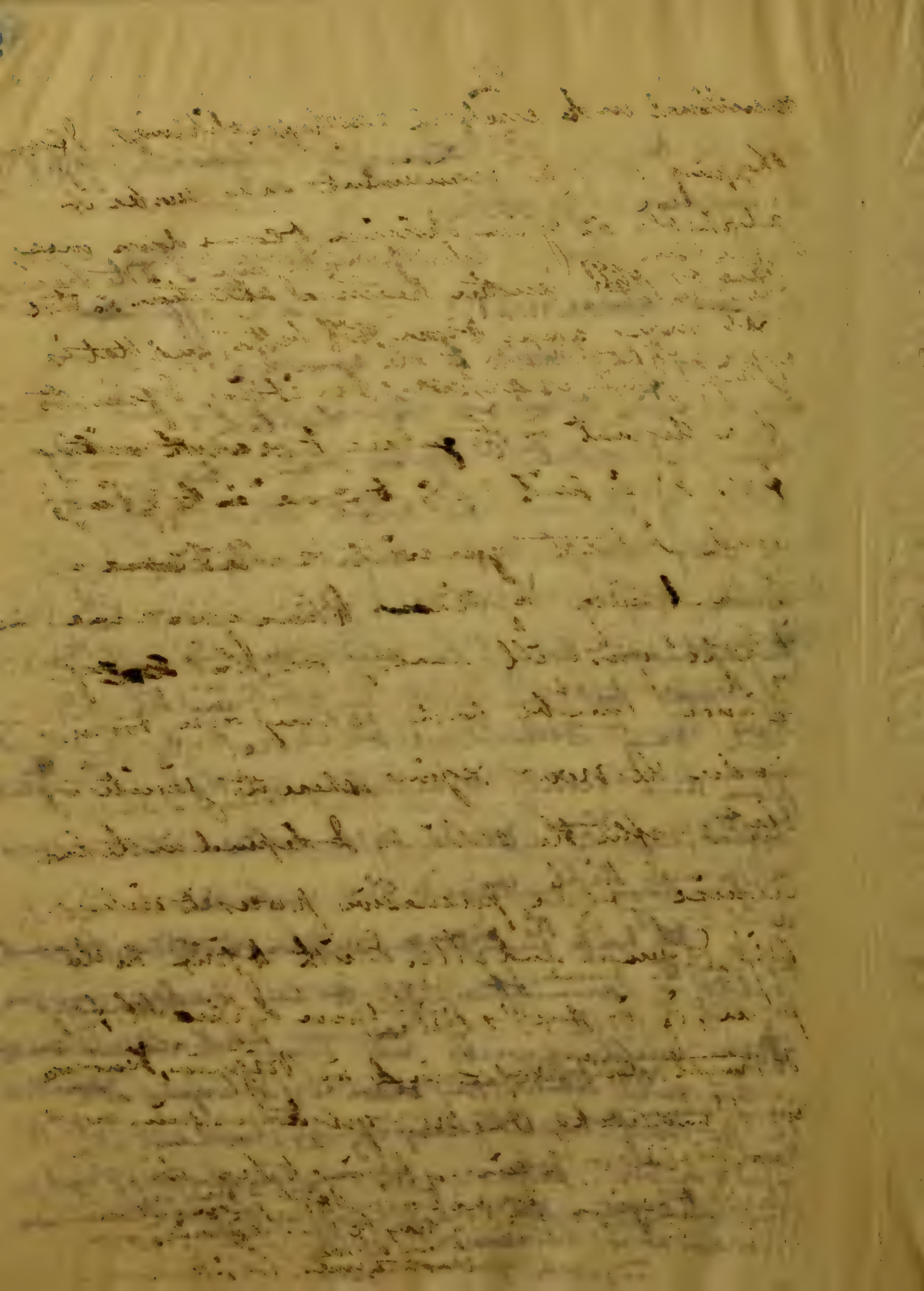
and the Democratic [illegible] [illegible] seem to [illegible] [illegible] by their [illegible] demonstrations [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the house without [illegible] in any sense would be equally effective [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the country. Probably they [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] they have [illegible] their part of duty. Together [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] bodily [illegible], [illegible] in any [illegible] [illegible]. If they [illegible] house, they will succeed in negotiating with the Republicans through a [illegible] committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the purpose, and [illegible] while [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the present plan there seems to be nothing in store, but continual defeat, however retarded by the factious [illegible] obstructions continued.

We have enough snow today to whiten the ground, but it is raining enough to wash it away very soon. For a couple of weeks past during the coldest weather of this mild winter, they have been crying "Charcoal" in the street back of my office, and [illegible] [illegible] a boy; probably with very small means; and [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

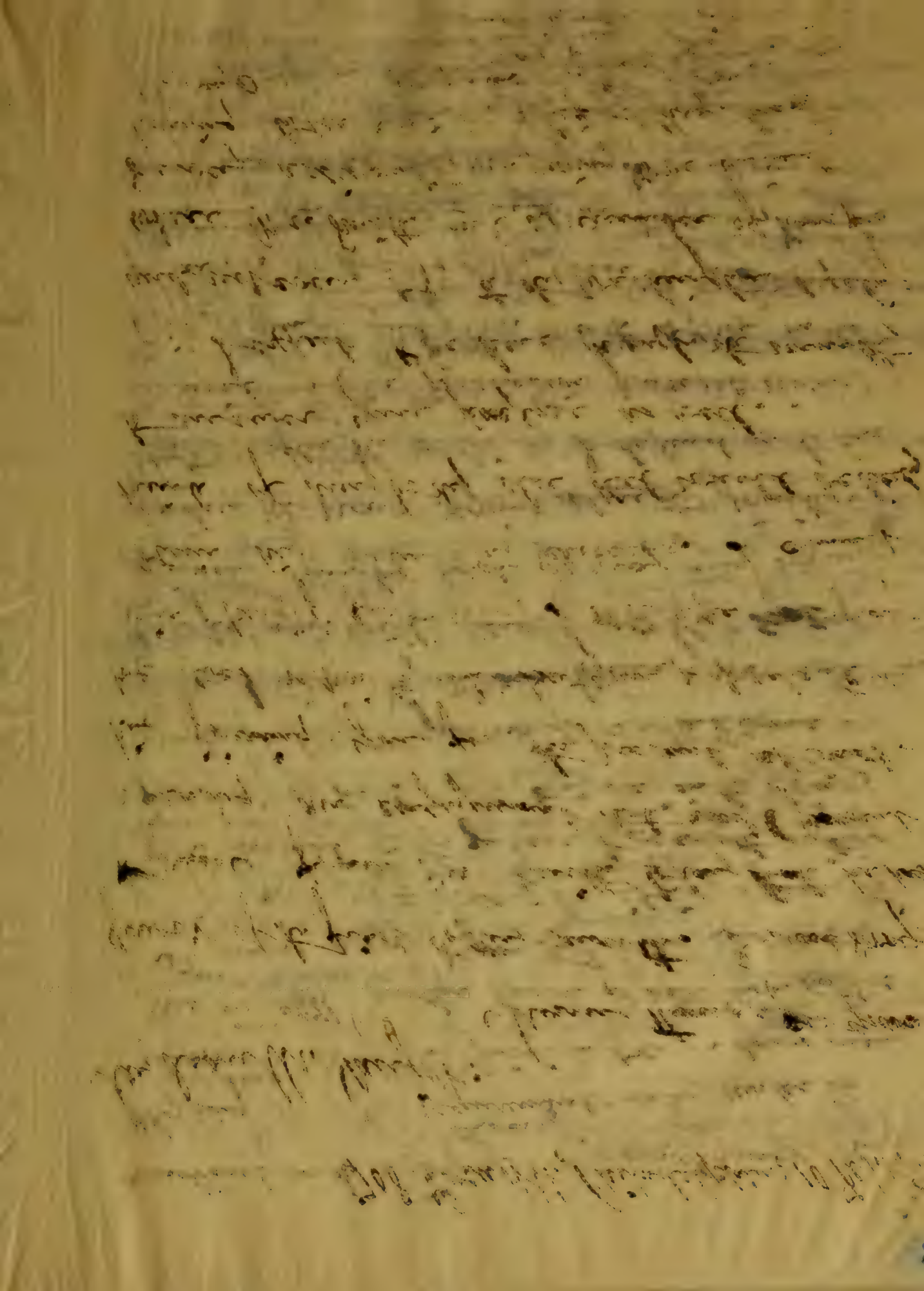


708 Church, Philadelphia, 10 Feb. '

Stephen M. Vail Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 7th inst. is now before me, from which I learn that you have written me on the subject of a call from the Church of the Epiphany in this city to the Rectorship thereof, & I will take pleasure in stating briefly the circumstances. I cannot think of removing the Church merely because I am not pleased with the location of the present edifice, but because the congregation has outgrown the present edifice & the Vestry have resolved to erect a new one in a more central location, & the Rector has been requested to express his views in regard to the matter. I have done so, & have stated that I would not be willing to remain in charge of the present edifice, but that I would be willing to accept the Rectorship of the Church if a new edifice were erected in a more central location. I have also stated that I would not be willing to accept the Rectorship of the Church if a new edifice were erected in a more central location. I have also stated that I would not be willing to accept the Rectorship of the Church if a new edifice were erected in a more central location.



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708 Locust St., Philadelphia, 14 Feb. 1876

Mr. Henry A. Brazenose,
4428 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: I have to thank you for your favor of the 12th inst. enclosing your "Note on the Pitching and Rolling of Ships," and for your favor of the 12th inst. enclosing Mr. J. Scribner's favor of the 11th inst. I have both and must obtain a number of copies. I am very busily engaged at present with Feb. and March issues, and must pass the Longfellow article for further elucidation of facts.

Thanking you for the kindness of your favors, I am

Yours truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman.

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708 Locust St., Philadelphia, 18[illegible]

Mayor Fox:

I have been reading over, between the portions of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and yet quite agreed with
the appearance of a student's life there, as well as
[illegible] with the number of important [illegible]
[illegible] but if you should [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for you to come and live
with me and study at the University of Edinburgh,
[illegible] it would be as well, if [illegible]
[illegible] to go into the [illegible] Cambridge
[illegible] way to do [illegible] of your way there.
The advantages of your being with me would [illegible]
[illegible] at least make up for the difference
between the two colleges. It is hard to [illegible]
[illegible] manage to pull through, even to the [illegible]
whenever you can begin to earn something, and
do something towards repaying these heavy
expenses. Then the question always comes
up, whether you will after all profit so
energetically by your education as to make it
worth while.

Affectionately yours,

[illegible]

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To the Revd. [illegible]

[illegible]

Satisfactory

Reverend Sir;

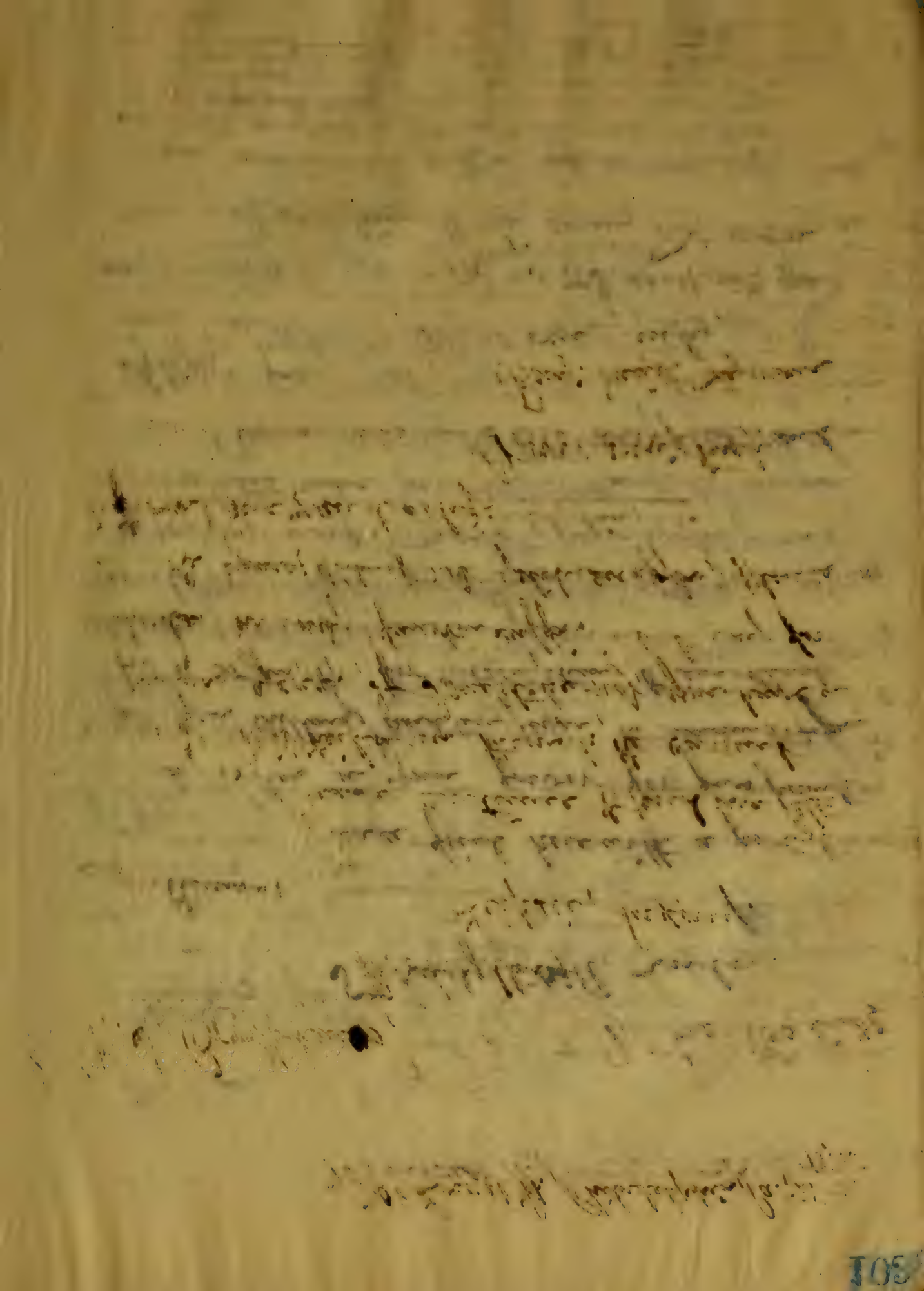
I have just received a petition in your favour for presentation to the Living and Curacy of [illegible] for subscription & [illegible] which accompanied your letter.

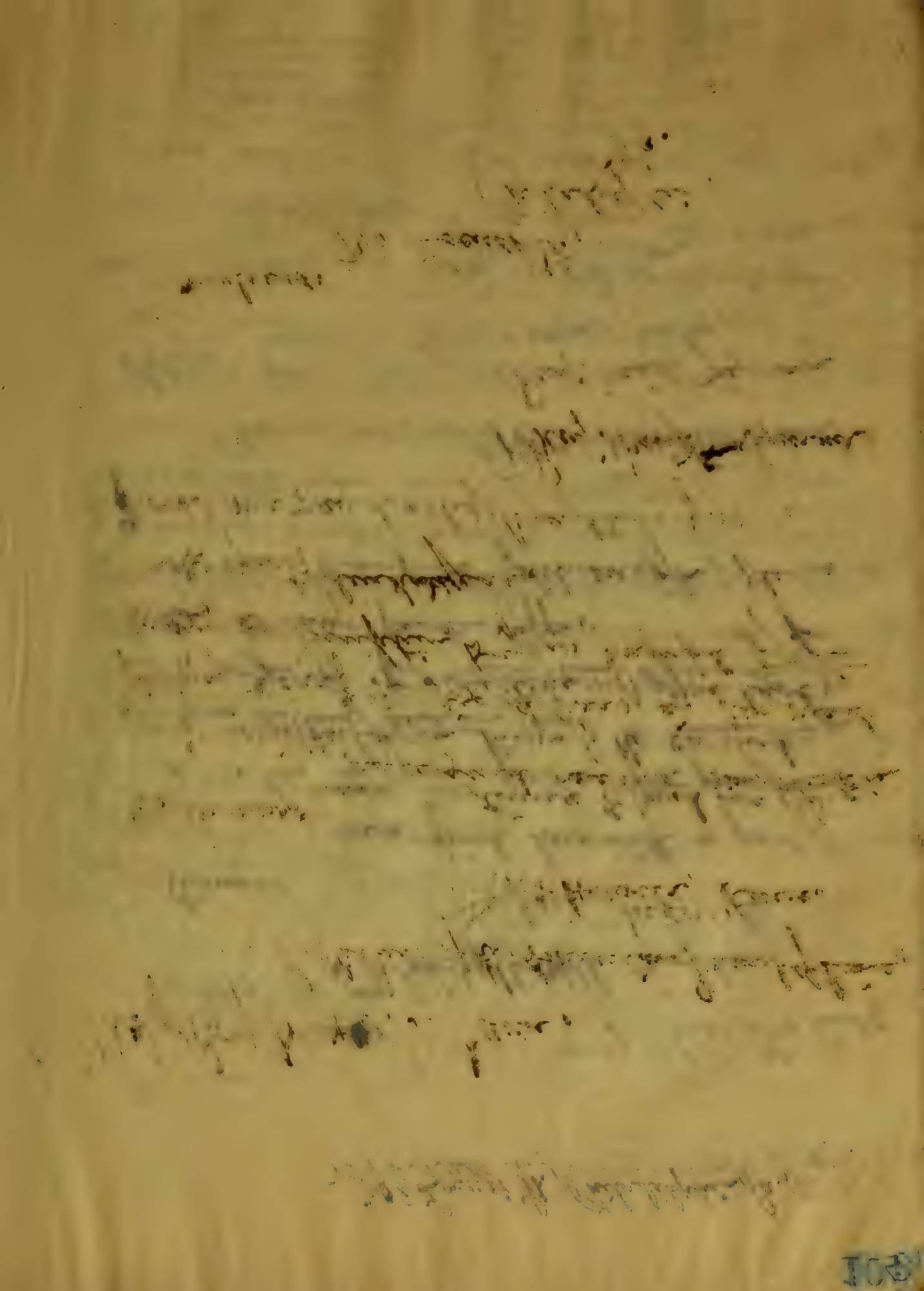
I have Charge to address (from 907 volumes) to the Revd. [illegible]

[illegible]

I am, Sir,

Your [illegible]





708 Land & Exploration Building

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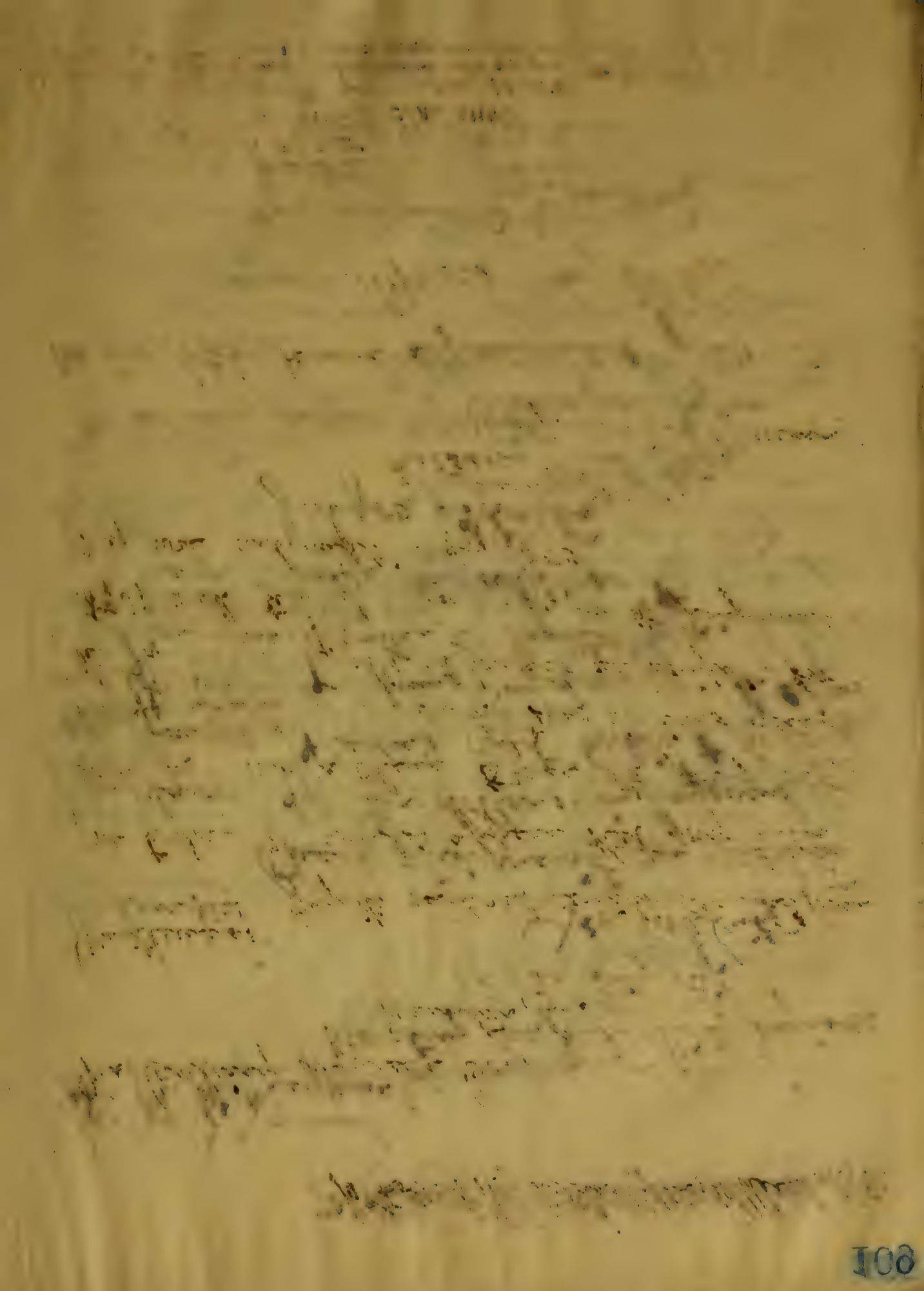
Pittsburg, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Please find herewith my check in payment of the following subscriptions to the Pittsburg Legal Journal and for Reprints of Cases relating to Mr. Hall's Opinion of Kittanning Coal Mine, which I have received and read.

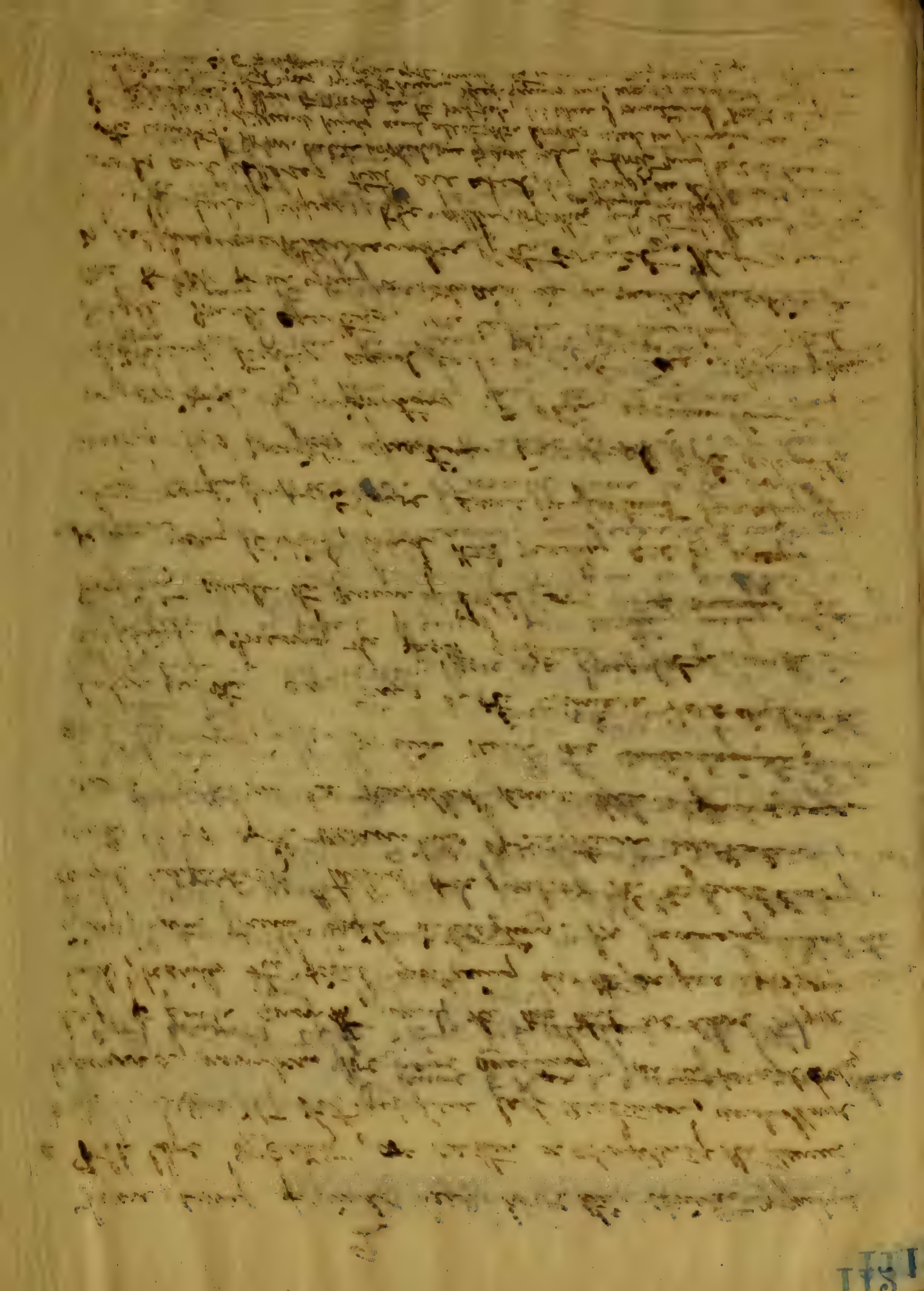
Very truly,

Benj. Dick Lemon



[illegible]

My dear [illegible]: I have to thank you for your [illegible] good favours of the [illegible] (received [illegible]) of [illegible] and 28th of February. [illegible] until [illegible] morning, [illegible] a good part of the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you are [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. It would [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] he is just about to leave the School. If he [illegible] going to [illegible], that way [illegible] would [illegible] him out from [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] take away the appearance of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the money that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be better [illegible] having [illegible] [illegible] altogether [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] money.



Pd Lucas & Philadelphia Bank &

to Northampton National Bank,

Northampton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Please credit me with the amount
of this check in your favor for two hundred
dollars; and believe me

Very truly yours,

Benj. Lucas Eyrow

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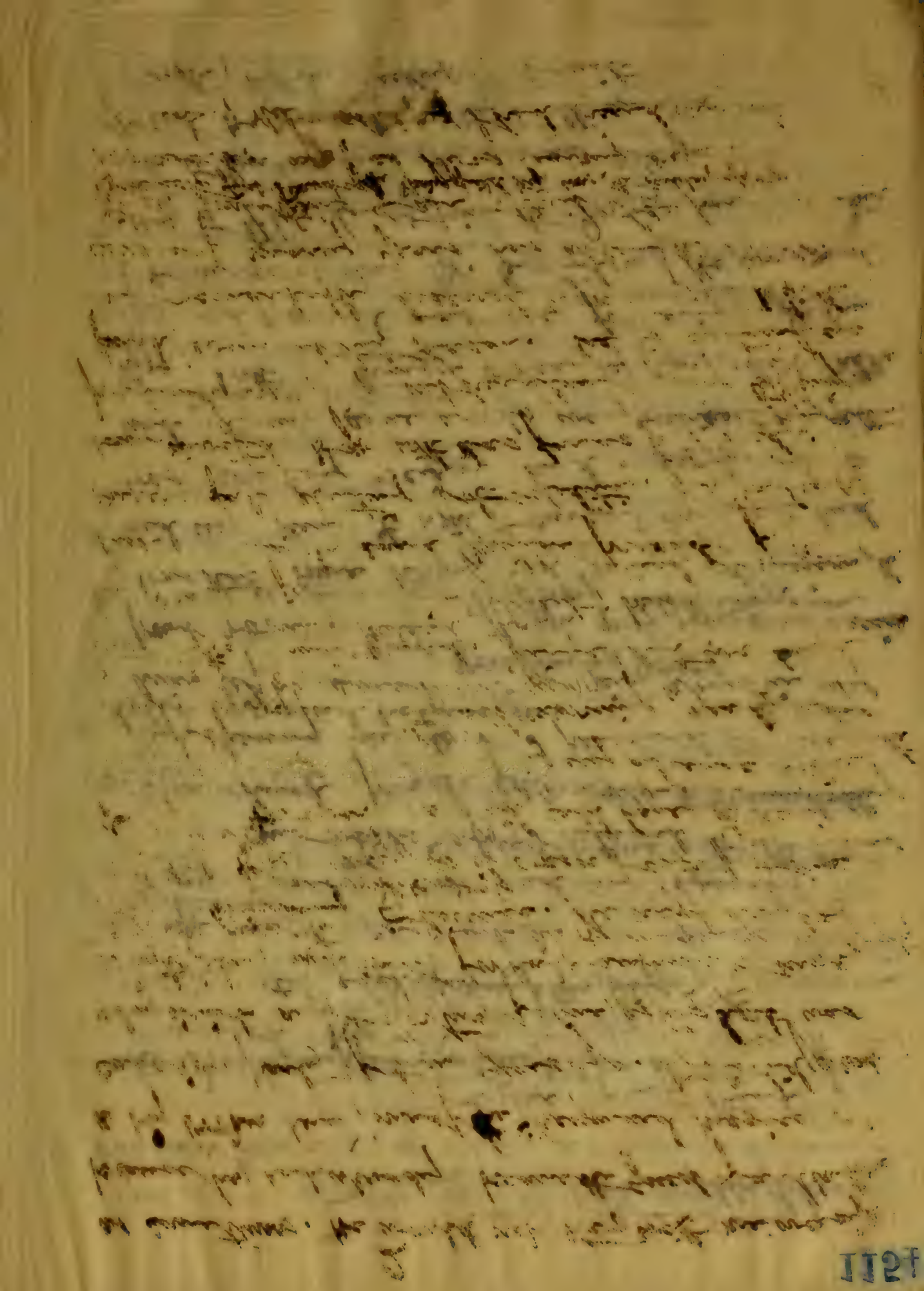

To Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, Holland

My dear friend:

I have just received your
kind letter of the 5th of this month,
and am glad to find that you
have been so much employed
in the study of electricity,
and that with success.
I shall be glad to see your
book, and wish the "Dr. Franklin" Bridge
may be the first work that
is to be undertaken.

I am, with sincere esteem,

Yours affectionately

B. Franklin

The enclosed paper is half a pound; and if you
should be willing for a gill more of sugar, and that would
be about 32 pistareens.

We have not yet succeeded in getting
Coke ovens put in Lyn at AC. If it
can pay we shall do it. [illegible]
Collins will come in. [illegible]
four boilers and new kilns, [illegible]
[illegible] in very good condition. We have
Grant Postal Connection running [illegible]
Lights, I hope it pays, as gas and
petroleum. But I do not know what to
already have an Act for it. Burning Imp[illegible]
Low coal mining is almost a Revolt, and is
termed a good work. Lambton over here with
Colliery burn portable lights. Until the Lamp
question is settled. Colliery [illegible] established in
England called Stirrup for [illegible]
Lamp, as we have pay [illegible] Lamp
[illegible] Lamp [illegible] Lamp [illegible]
and the Aspley Head by steam main [illegible]
[illegible] to dilate in [illegible]
[illegible] petroleum [illegible].

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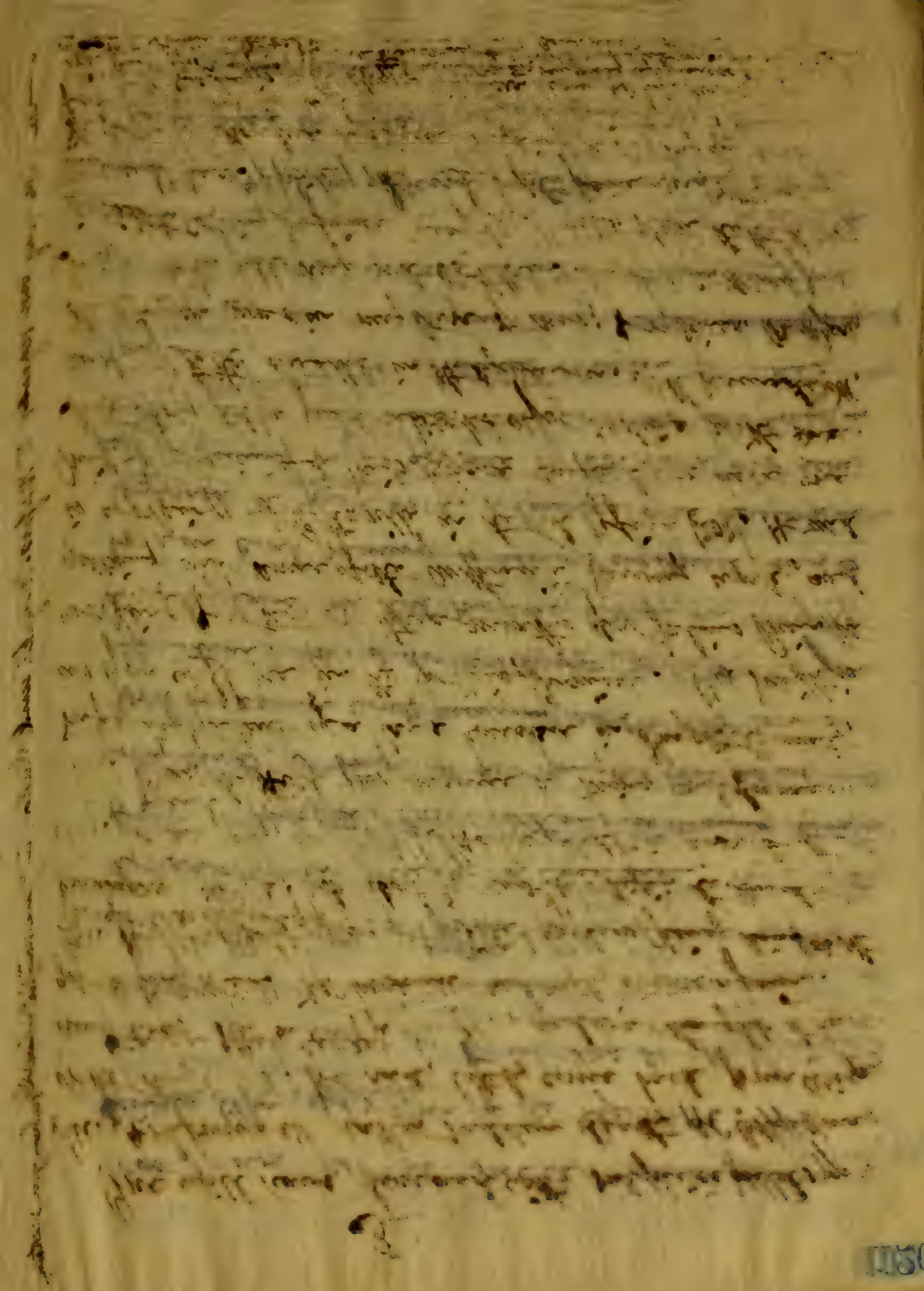
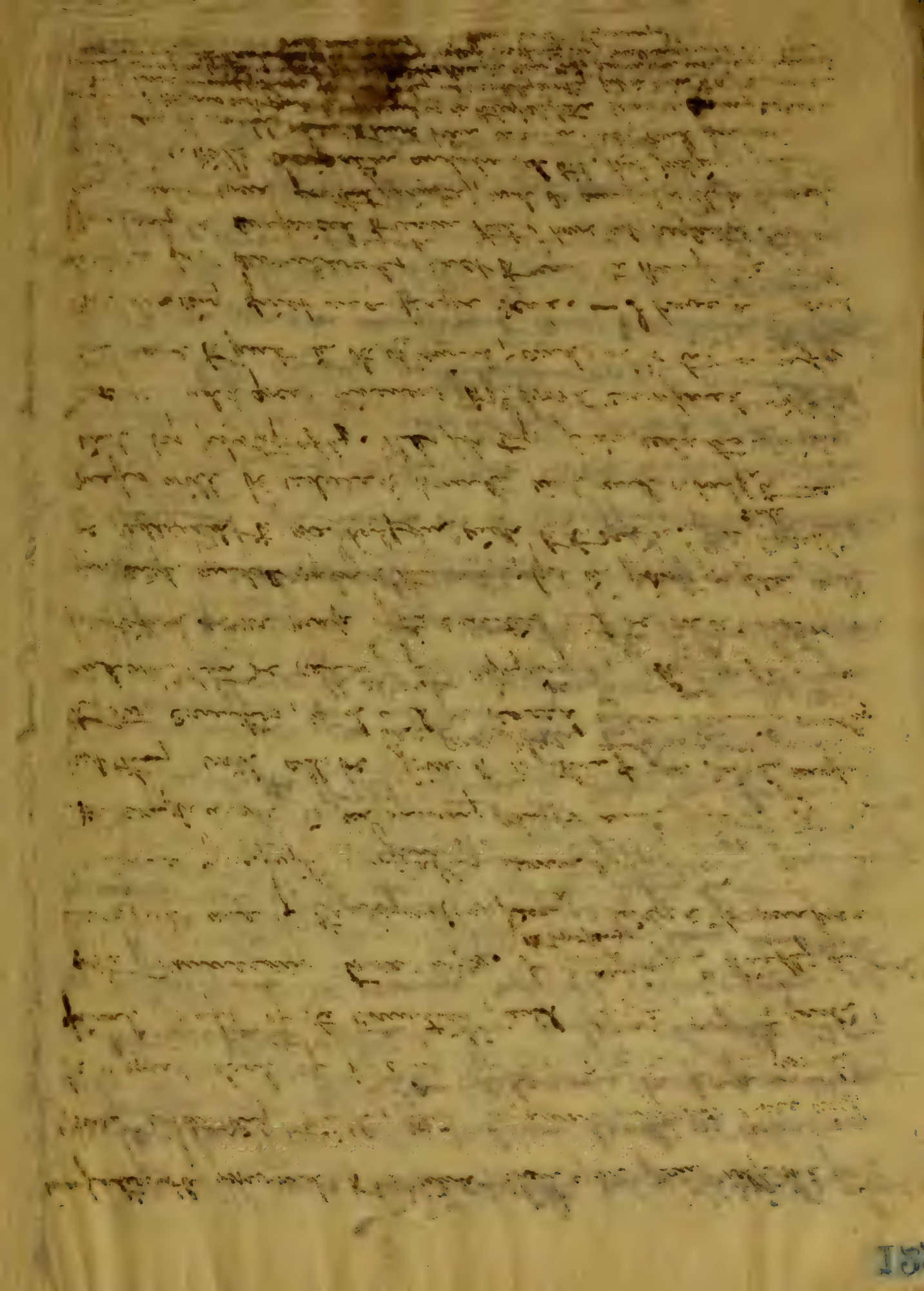
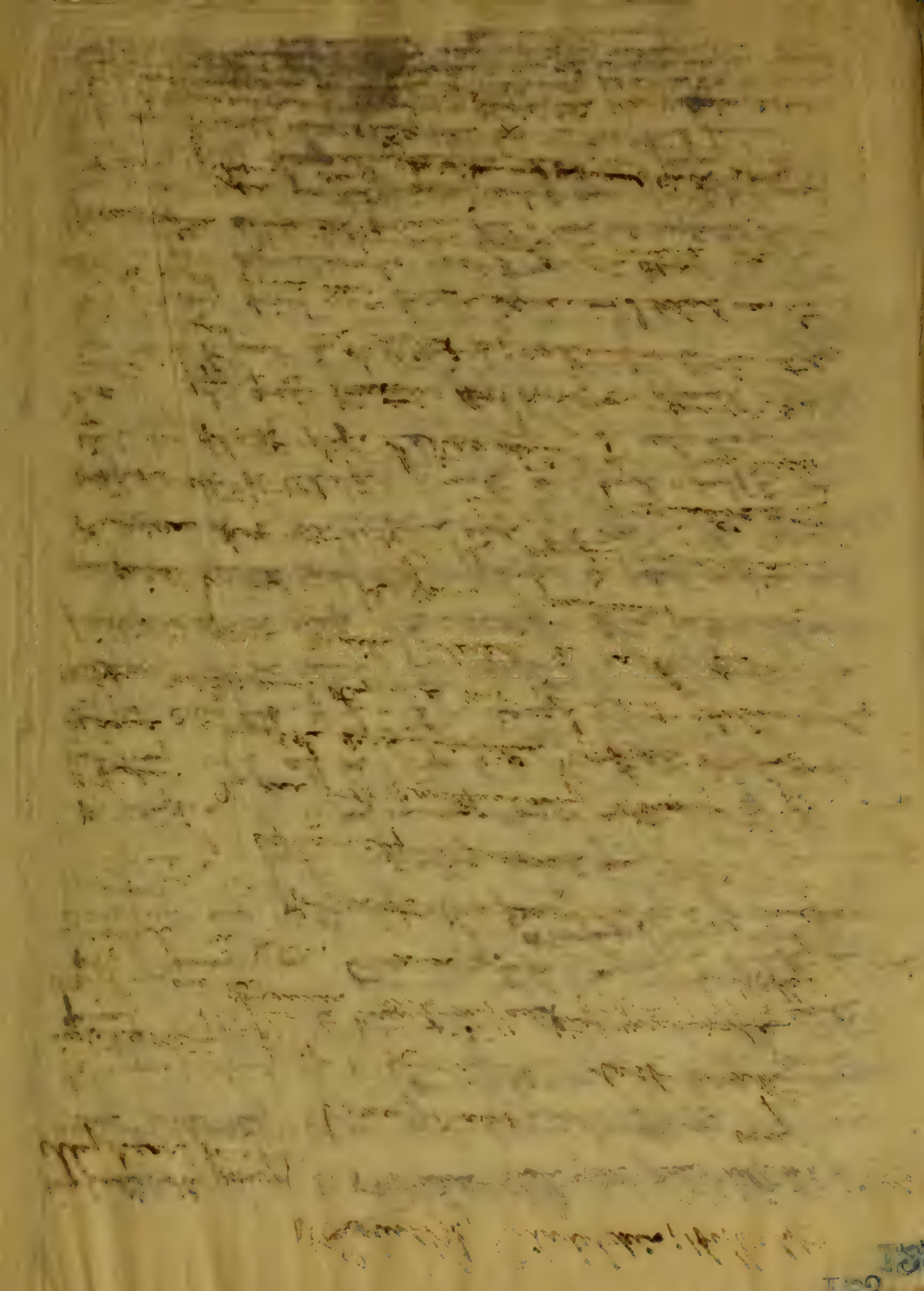
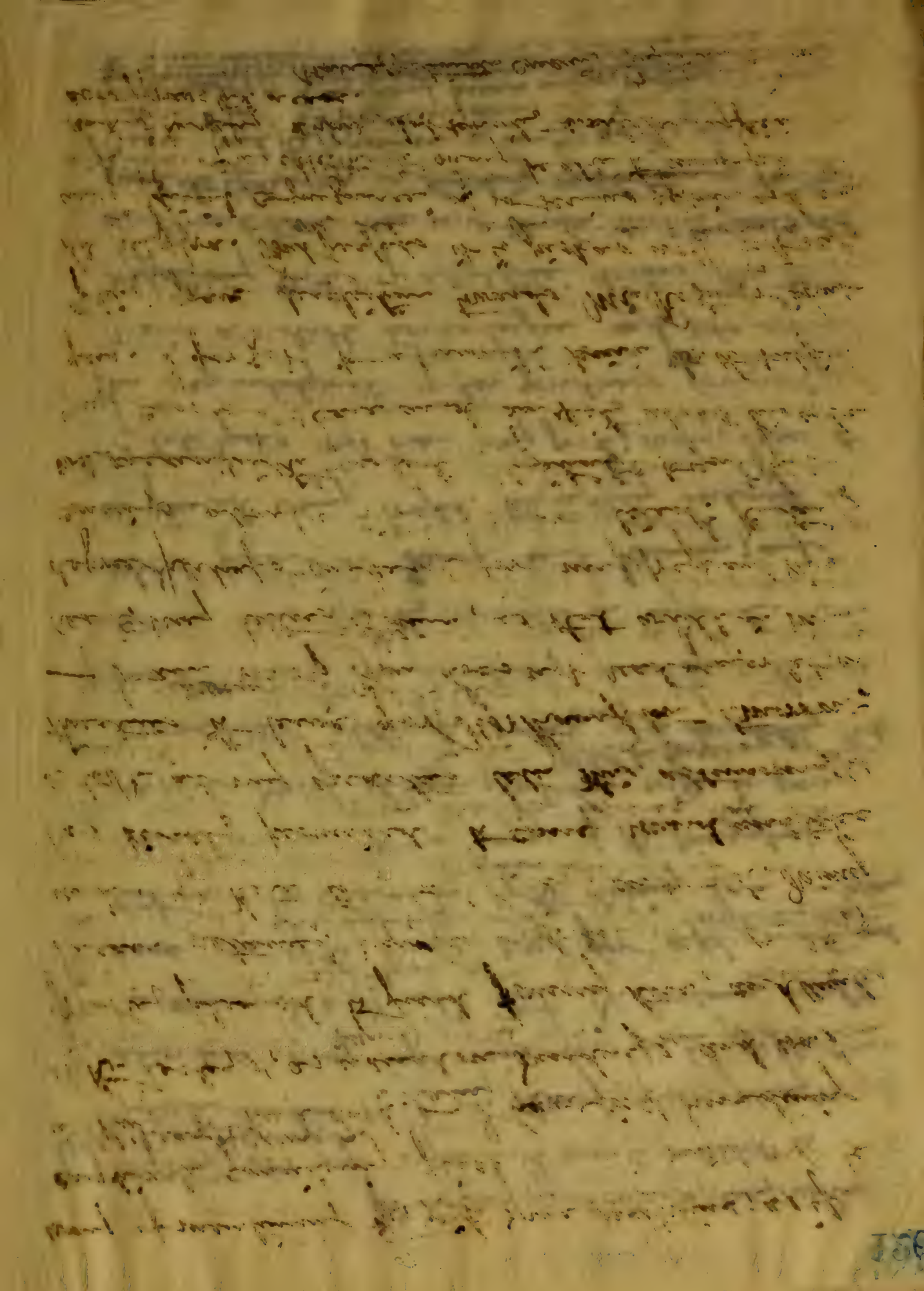
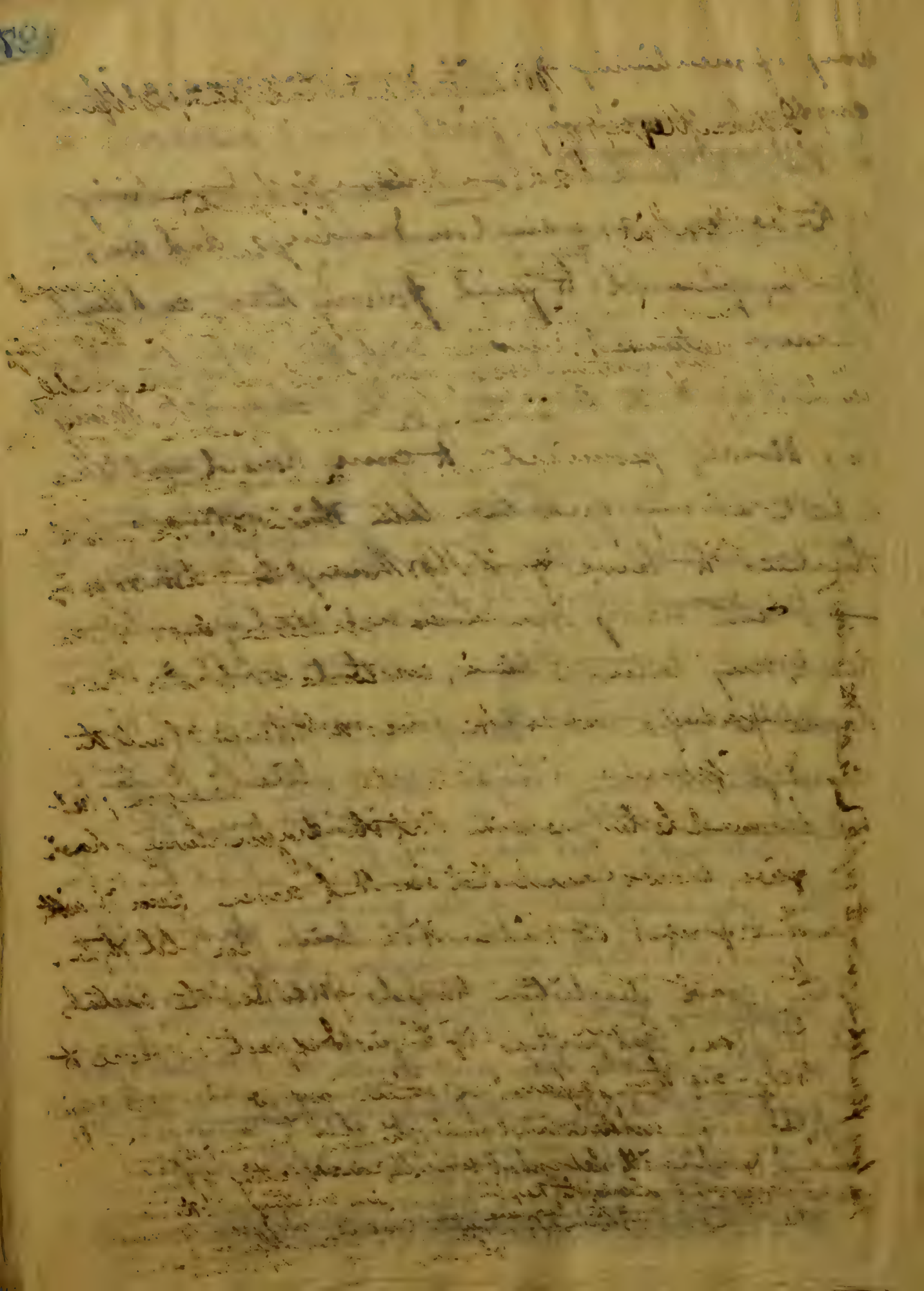






will no doubt find improvement in their intelligence by. As you expressed much interest in the [illegible] Prince Frank, whose chief [illegible] according to my impression lies in his [illegible] actions; I will add that Dr. Parkman would have one of the king's sons for a pleasant, and [illegible] that he is a cheerful [illegible] rising [illegible] when [illegible] I should [illegible] imperial Polish blood; but his wife is very vivacious although [illegible] a little [illegible] build. She is particularly fond [illegible] as she was partly educated in England. She also speaks in French and German; and in general very bright. Mr. Ingersoll Bradbury [illegible] late years not been very good; owing, I fear, to her over indulgence of her fondness for good food. She is a notable housekeeper and sets a most appetizing table of home like dishes. Her two [illegible] and Kate are now some twelve years old and Dorothea is thinking of becoming an [illegible] Dear and the youngest a baby. [illegible]





[illegible] [illegible] 26 [illegible]

[illegible]:

I [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] morning

I think you worry quite unnecessarily over

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] affair. [illegible]

[illegible]

written you [illegible] from [illegible].

[illegible] that he omitted [illegible]

[illegible] much, even if it was any-

thing more than an oversight; for as [illegible]

[illegible] that it is difficult [illegible] in ad-

vance any [illegible] address, where letters [illegible]

[illegible] to be received with any promptness

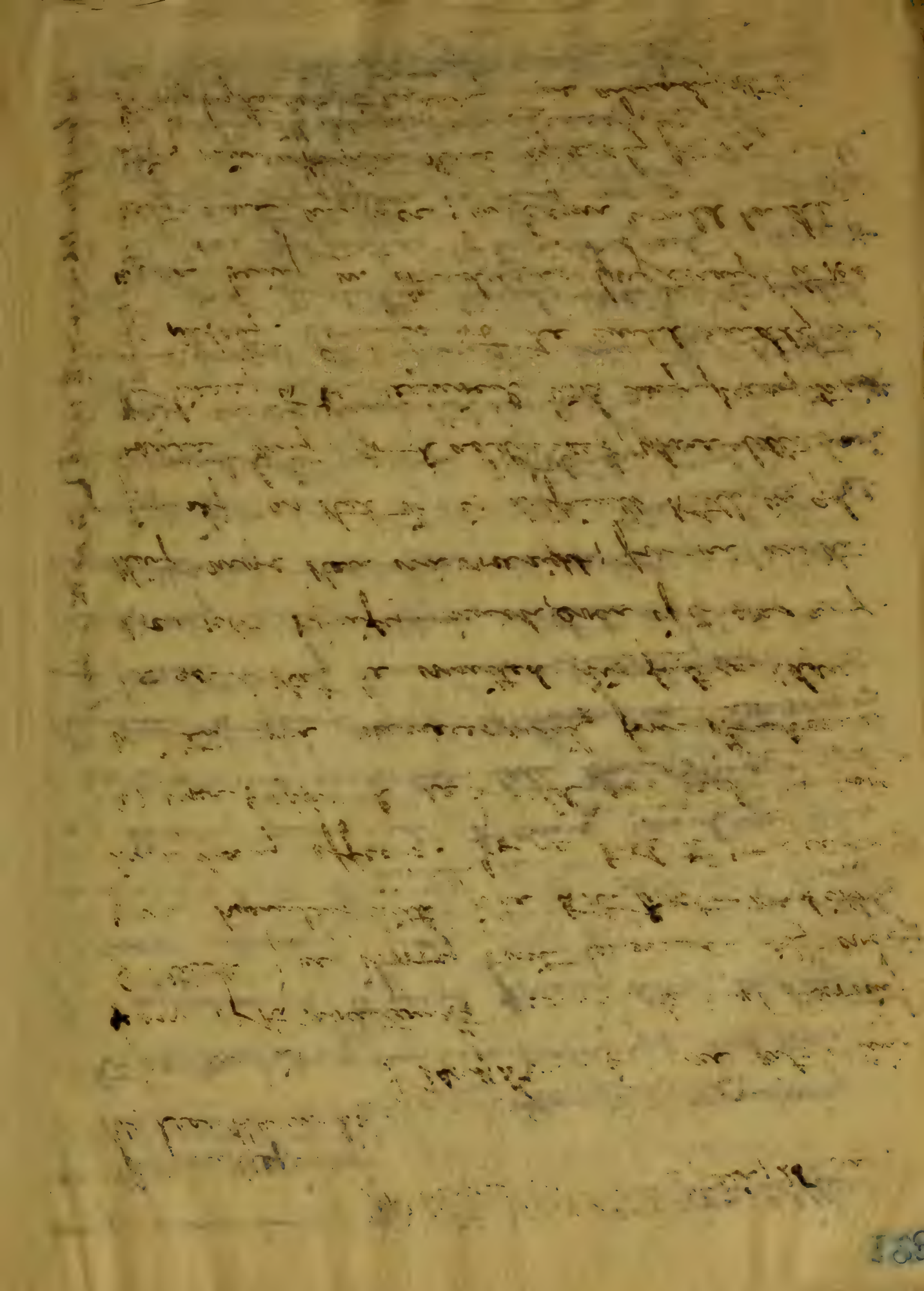
[illegible]. [illegible] he could readily [illegible]

[illegible] being in [illegible] long enough to re-

[illegible] an answer; and you would hardly

[illegible] to [illegible] especially [illegible]

[illegible] already [illegible]



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writing for [illegible] may be [illegible]
is it not? [illegible]
[illegible]
gel. Nevertheless, [illegible] read [illegible]
[illegible] gradually
made to me [illegible].

Georgie's visit here was altogether [illegible] pleasing [illegible], with no [illegible] attention to [illegible] any festivities or special engagements in her behalf. But perhaps she found no great amount of gloom in the lodgings! She made me a flying visit Thursday afternoon, and saw many of the principal features of my lodgings. Meggy was to go back to Peterborough yesterday to stay there a couple of weeks (I believe), and then return [illegible] husband for a few days to get [illegible] and [illegible].

Your [illegible] Cousin [illegible]

[illegible] you respect the [illegible] has been looked upon with great regret. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]:

[illegible] your [illegible] of [illegible] Mr [illegible] to me and read for the [illegible] of Mr. Wiggins and his weather prophecies. For a number of years past he has been predicting storms, and especially from [illegible], foretelling [illegible] to come at certain dates [illegible] and whether [illegible], if ever. Consequently, his name has become [illegible] proverbial for exaggeration, [illegible] within [illegible] of [illegible] humbug. The children of my [illegible], Mrs. Kelly, in [illegible] called Mrs. Wiggins, she is so [illegible]; but [illegible] is no humbug, and has [illegible] judgment about the weather. Mr. Wiggins is, or was, one of the assistants of the Geological Survey of Canada, and said (or pretended) that his [illegible] were based on some scientific principles. [illegible]
[illegible]

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Speaking of the weather, it has now begun to
look springlike again here, after a somewhat
severe and boisterous spell since the first of the
year. We have however had no rain worth men-
tioning as yet, and the ground is all dry, and
the grass in the fields is quite green. Last Saturday I went
out to Bryn Mawr & took tea with Miss Mary
Hopkins' had been so kind as to invite me.
The grass in the country was also green. I had
never before seen the Bryn Mawr College for
girls, now four or five years old, and with a
high reputation for scholarship. I was much
interested in the College. The students are
only one third or one fourth as many as at Smith
College, but the Faculty keeps even pace, and I believe
is even larger in all. The students all live in the
College buildings, fifty in each. There is a
[illegible] lady there, a sister of
[illegible] she is planning three more buildings
[illegible] railroad business in the [illegible]
[illegible] R.R. [illegible]

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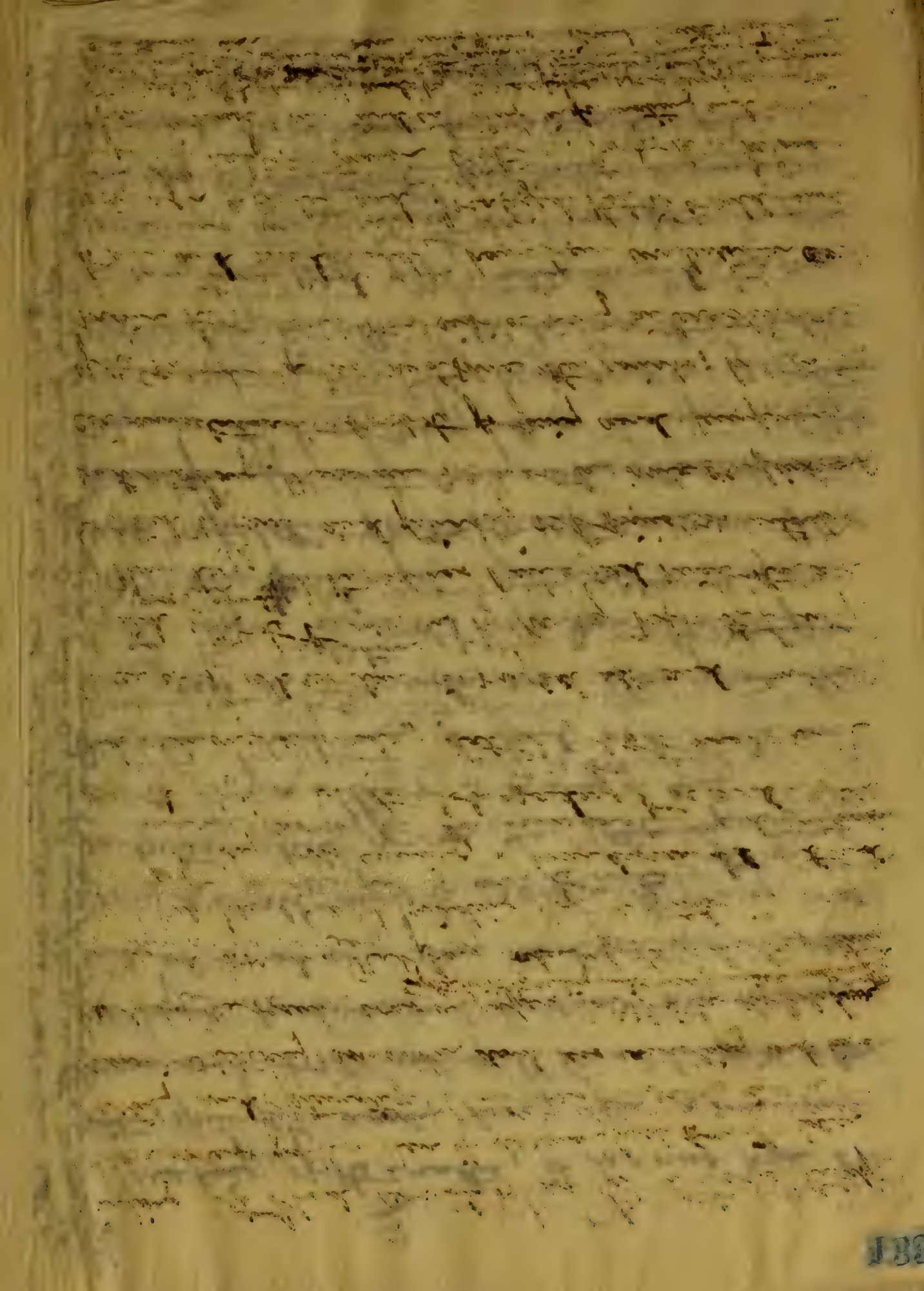

Wilmington, Delaware, 6th Feb 1876.

My dear Hannah:

Mary Hark [illegible] your
[illegible] yesterday. I regret to [illegible]
inquiring for a "comfortable and fat" [illegible]
Rightly Conservative Club. I told her I would
[illegible] make. [illegible] the letter [illegible]
brief gave us, [illegible] to be written a very
interesting account of the Elkhorn [illegible]
from the Niagara River to Alaska, among which
we lived ten years or more; and if you had a
full account of all I said and could remember
of all, it would [illegible] a volume larger than
Bell. Still, between you and I, I did remember the
character of [illegible]; but it is doubtful
whether you could find anything else that I
[illegible] in a thing like a letter, or [illegible]
[illegible] the said, something like a [illegible]
was published in our Ledger; and I think [illegible]
I remember it would be just what will [illegible]
Brevoort. It will be sufficient in [illegible]. [illegible]
I assure it would be just what will [illegible]
[illegible] Brevoort [illegible] [illegible]
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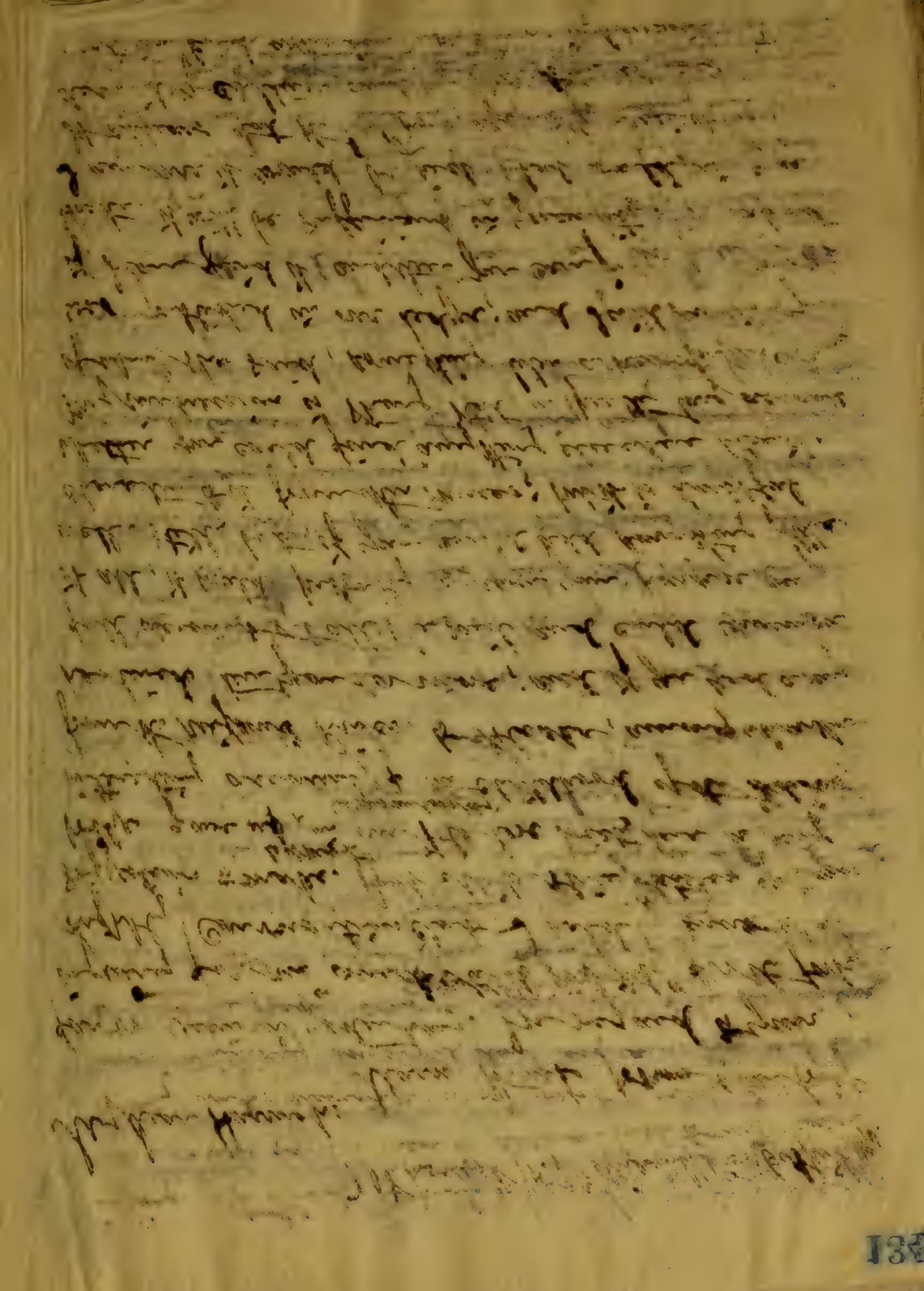

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among them, and it is not fair to judge them all from the comparatively shiftless, beggarly, [illegible] ones that hang round the railroad stations and Indian agencies. It seems that there is a great difference among different [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in that respect. The [illegible] [illegible] life of a child [illegible] from birth up to the age of [illegible], the care that watch over their bodies, their habits, their morals and their training for the duties of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible], and I doubt whether anything of the kind has ever been [illegible] before, unless in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a paper describing the [illegible] given (in a tale seventy-two years old, of which [illegible] [illegible] remain) of the education given the children by the inhabitants of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] first visited them. The [illegible] [illegible] very remarkable with what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], in spite of the distance [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], both geographically [illegible] and [illegible].

I am glad to learn by your [illegible] that Dr. Cushing is to be back here again [illegible] [illegible] sincerely hope that he will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to return to his beloved Boston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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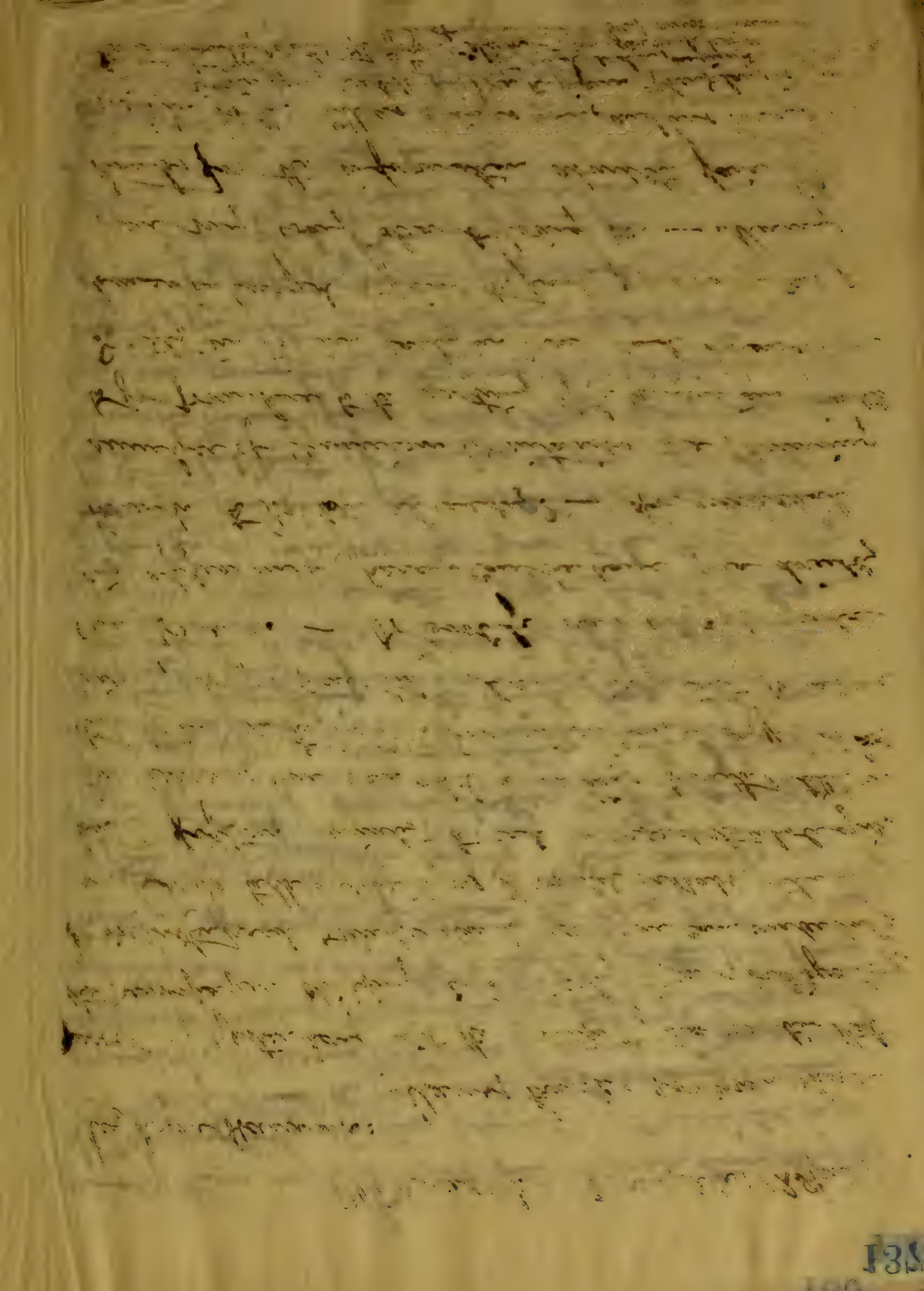


Broad St., Philadelphia, 14th Feb. 1865.

My dear James,

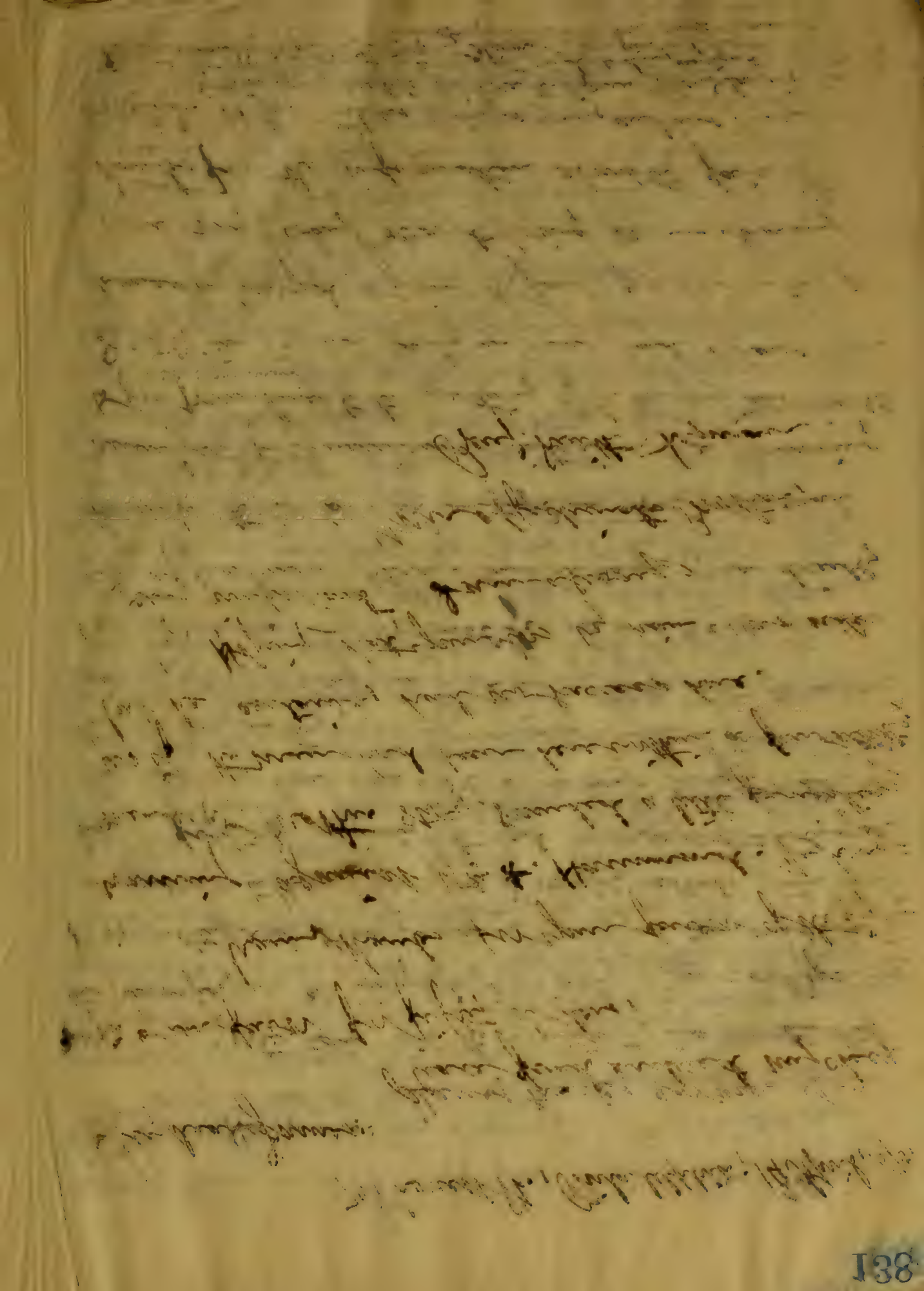
Please find enclosed my check for fifty dollars.

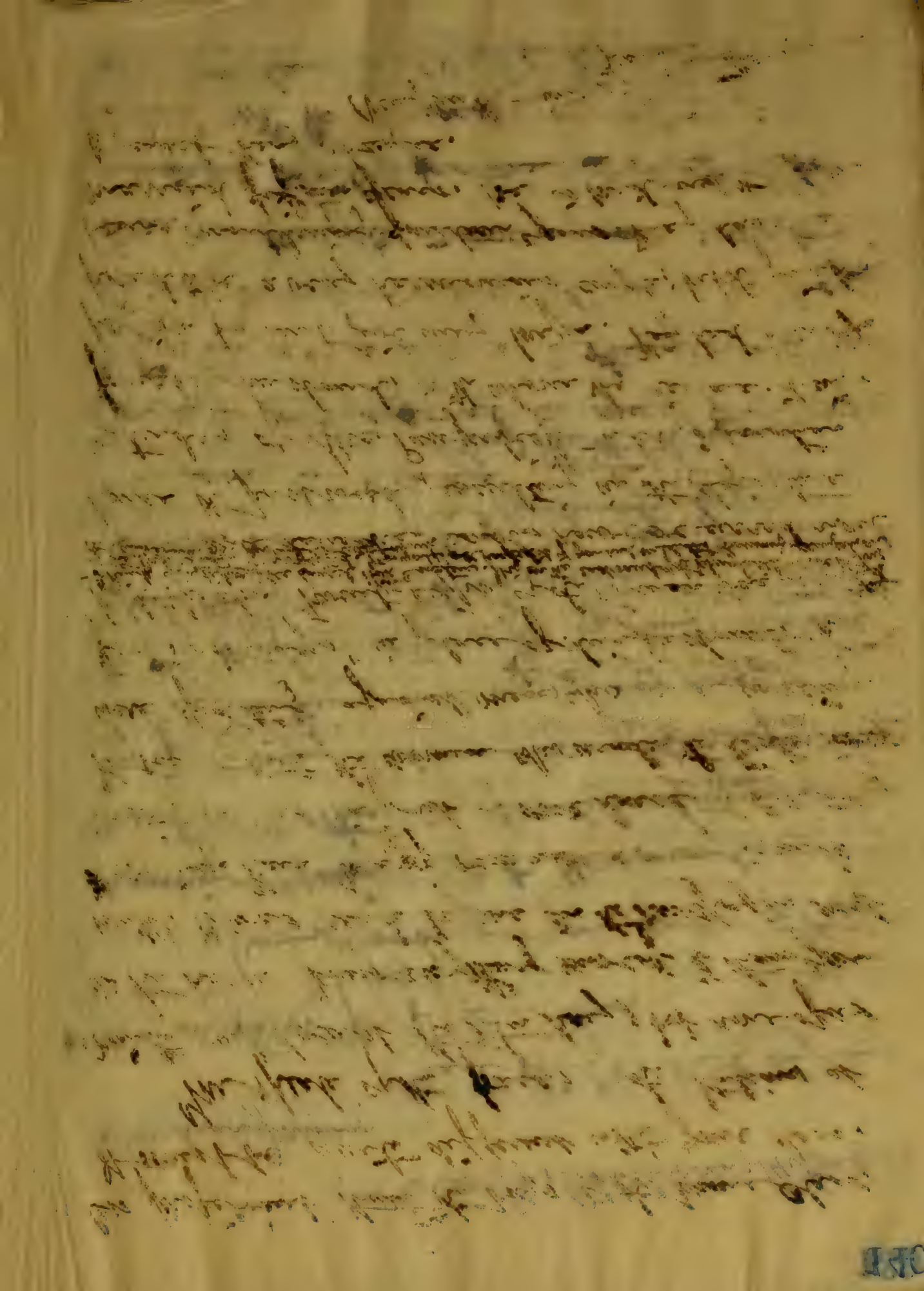
Many thanks for your favor getting signatures to W. Hammond. He has rendered Mother very valuable assistance & I am glad he can have with him a permanent home obtaining half so much care.

Nothing extraordinary by him now except his visit to Annie.

Yours affectionately,

Geo. Smith Keyser





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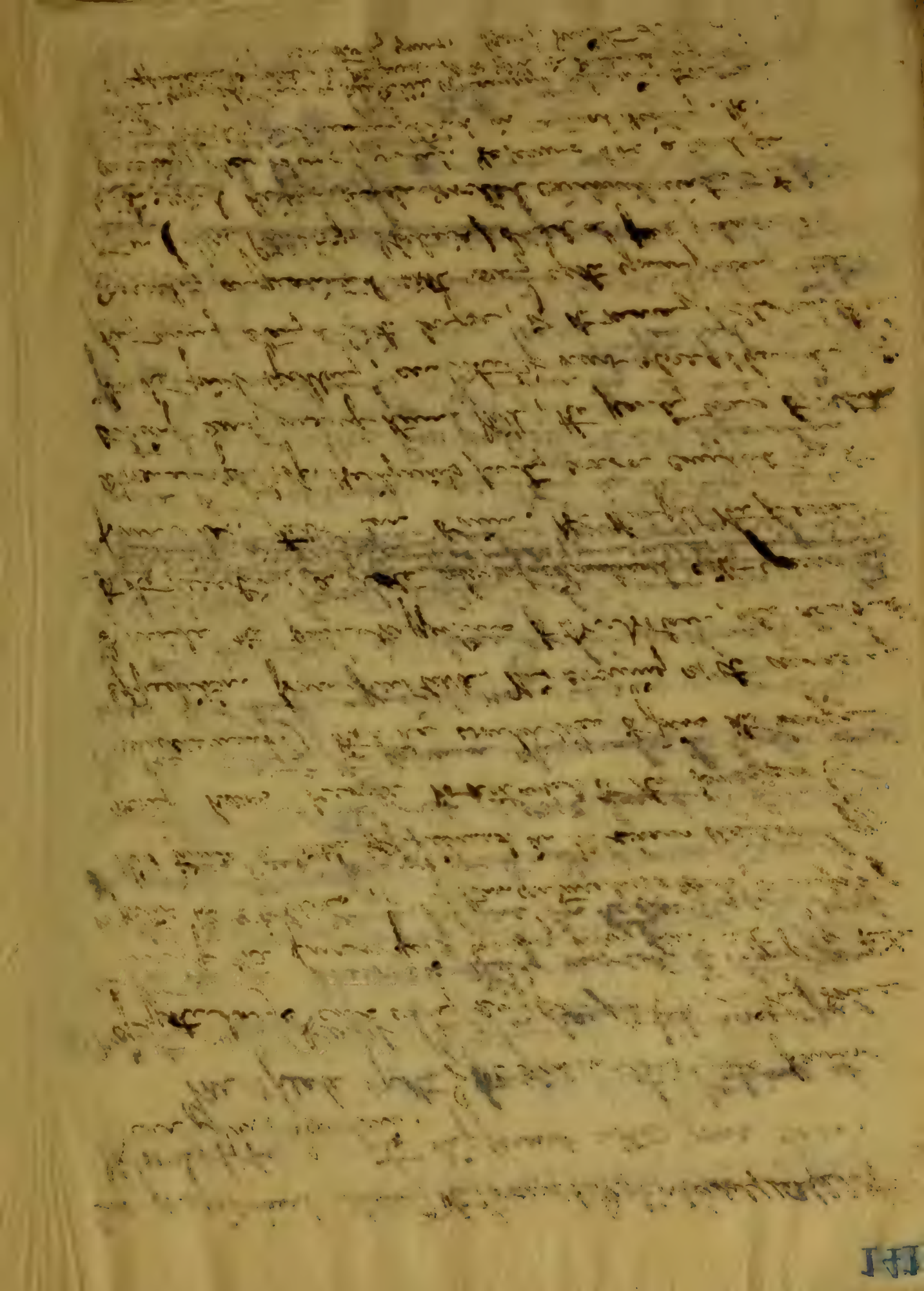

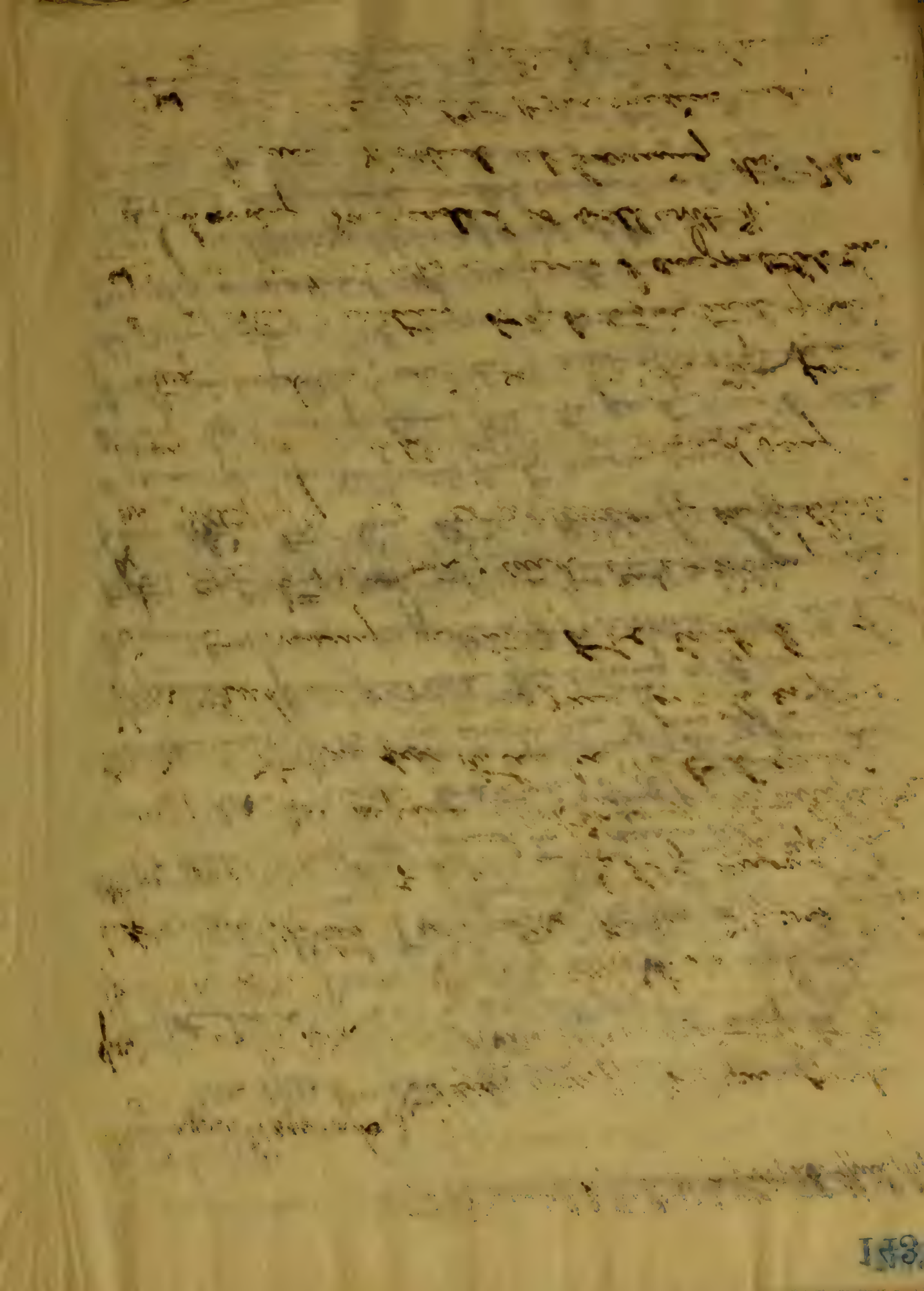

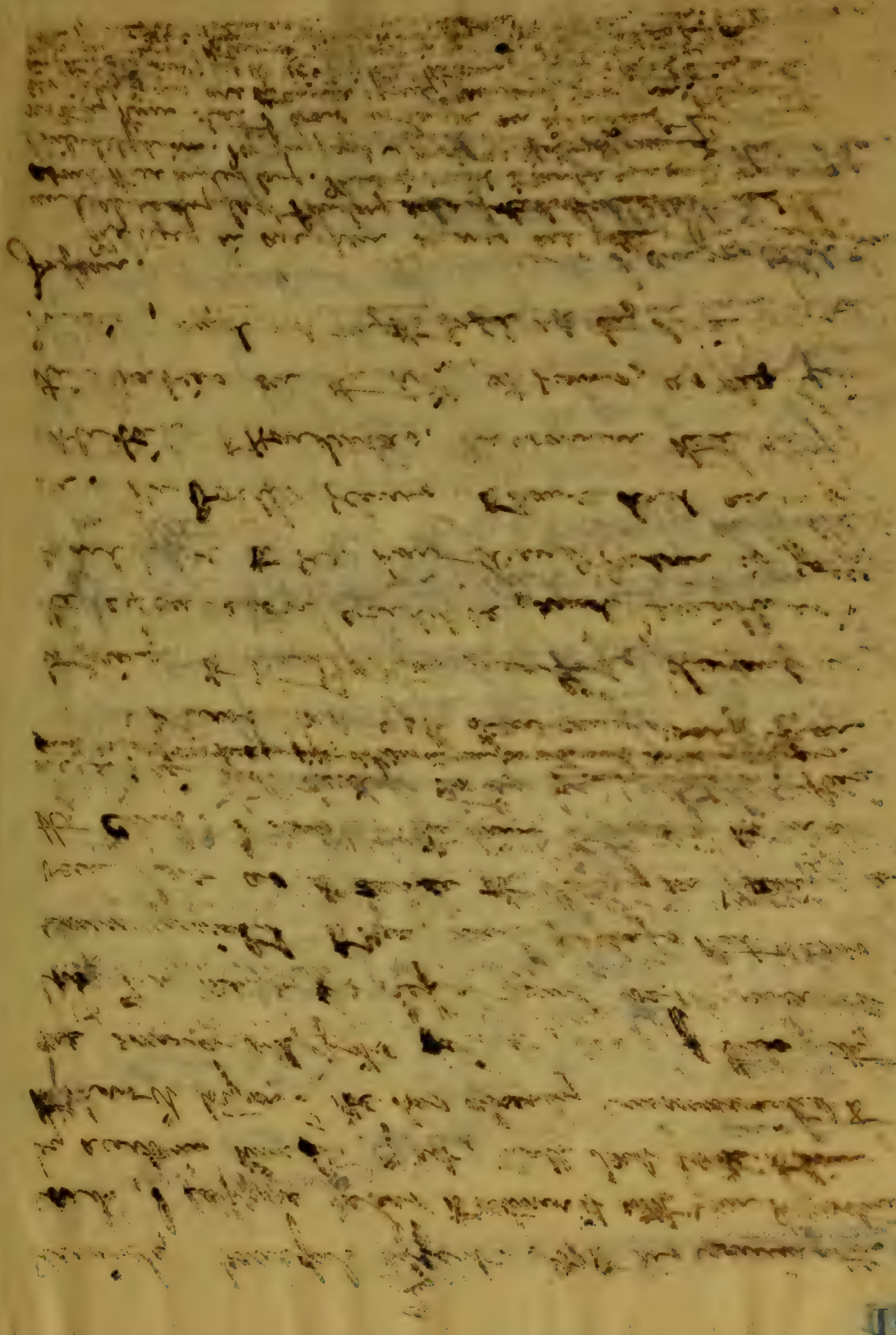

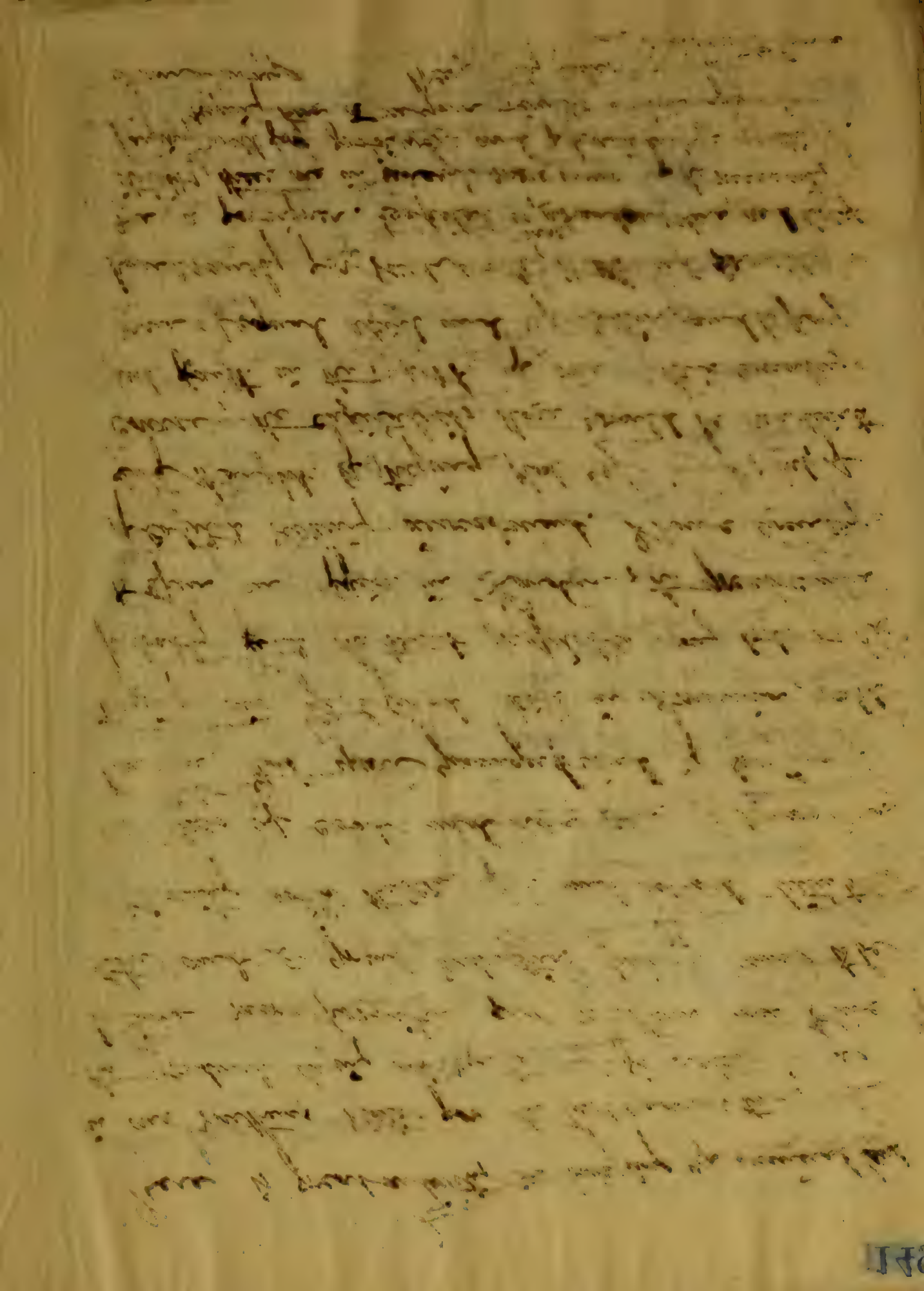

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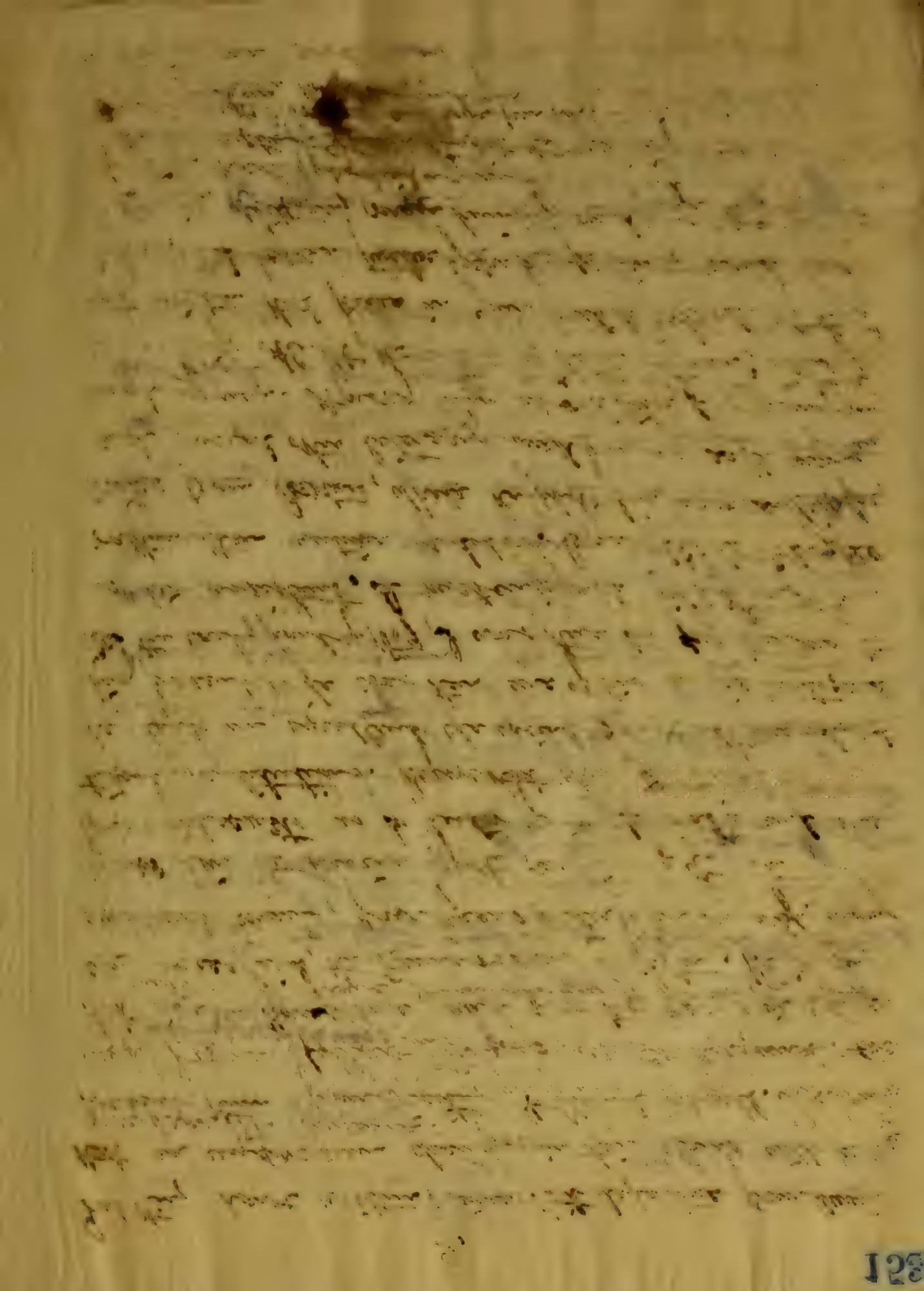
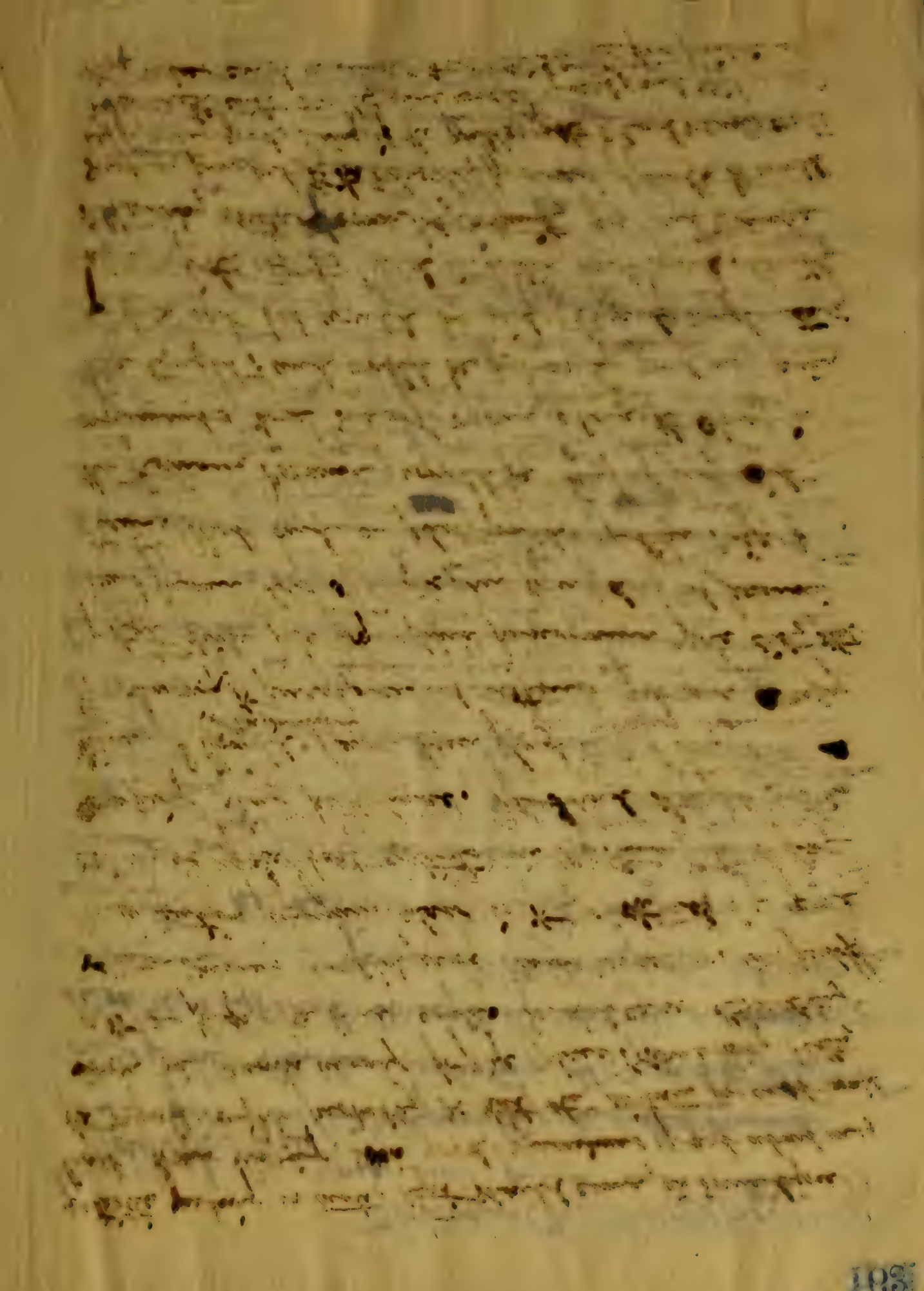
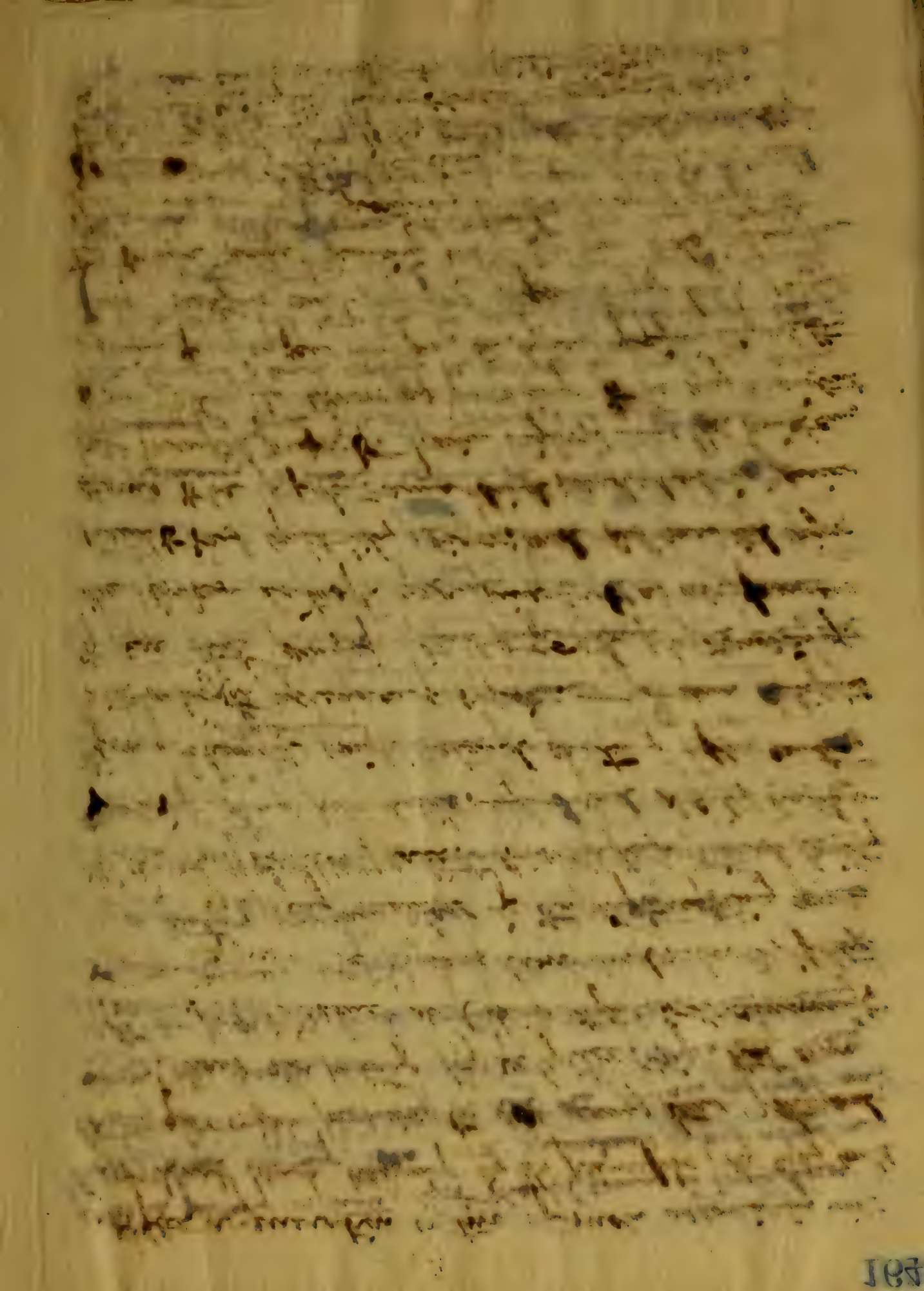


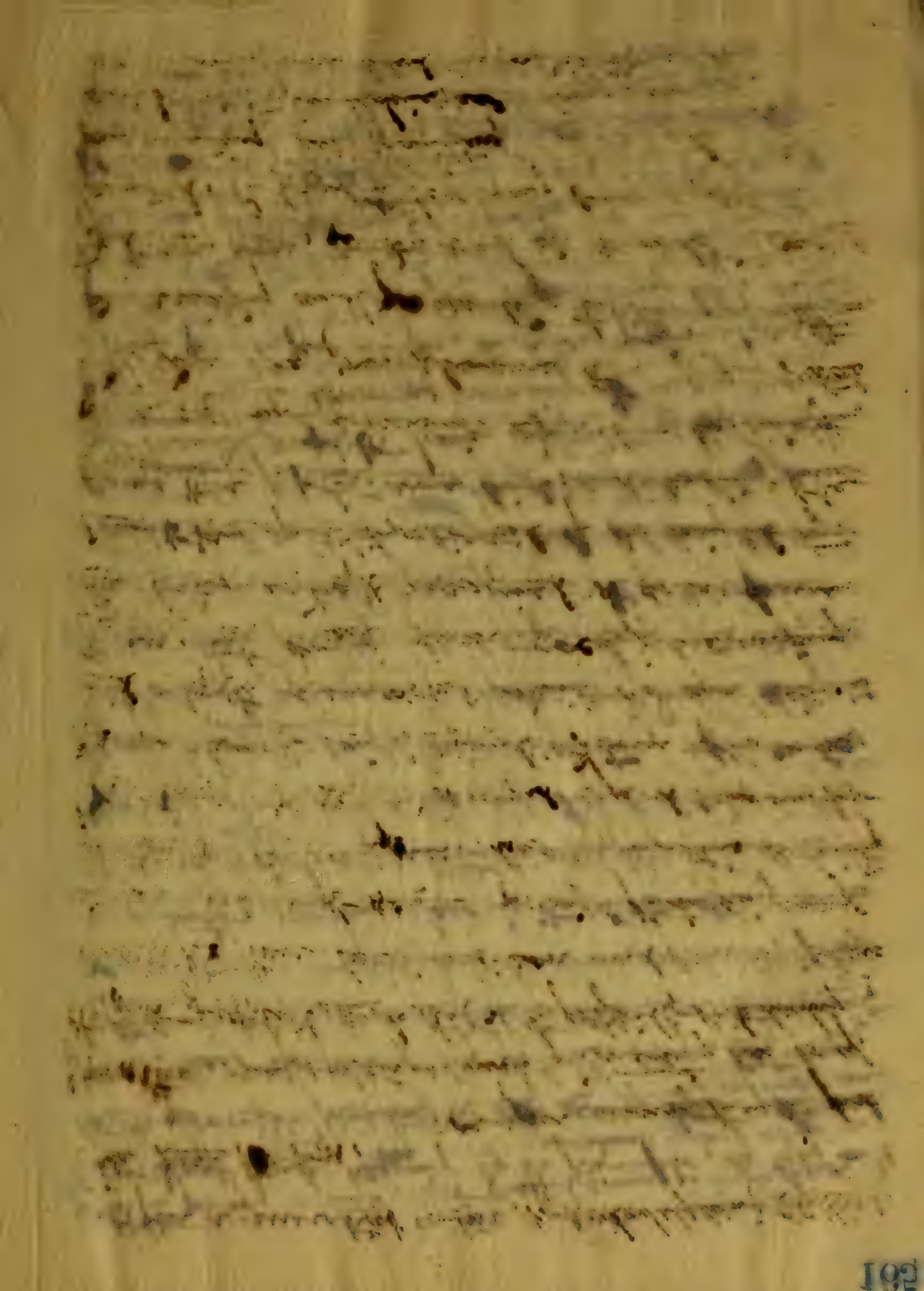
Rushcliffe, 21 May 1801

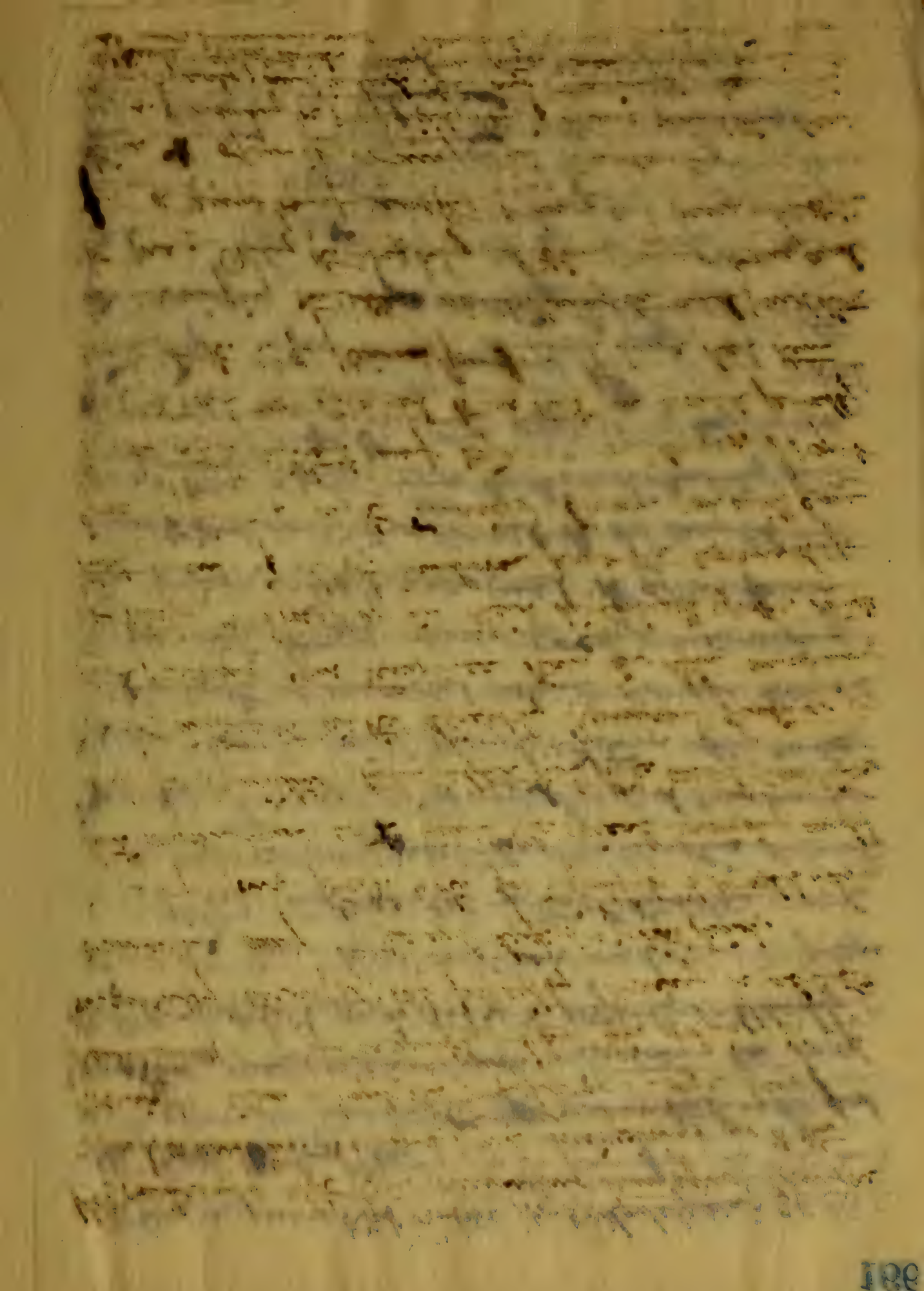
My dear Hannah: Many thanks for your interesting
two favours of the 27th of last month & 1st inst., putting
me to shame by their superior length & handsome
& good round hand-writing. Pray do not find fault with

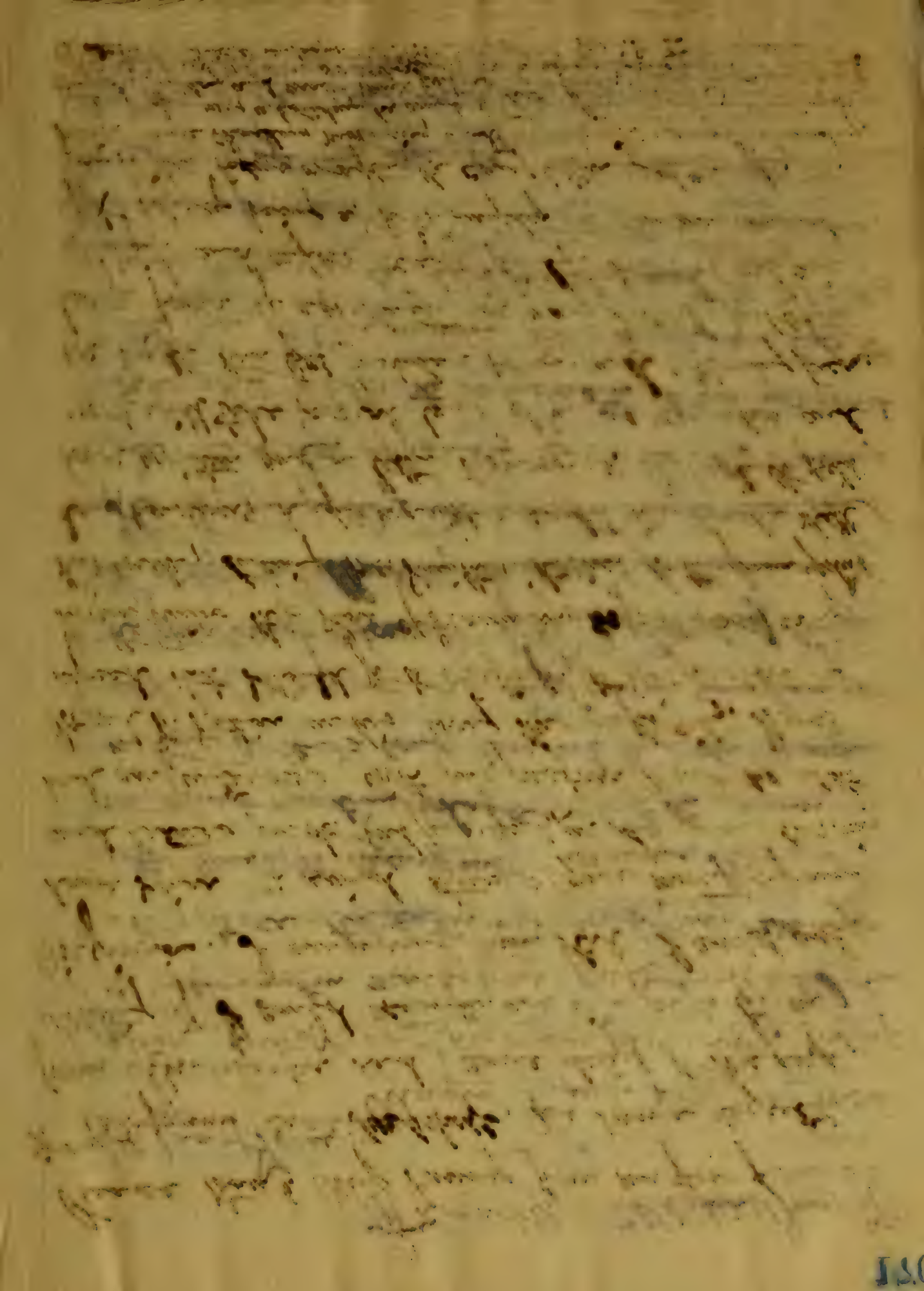
— The Lecture last night

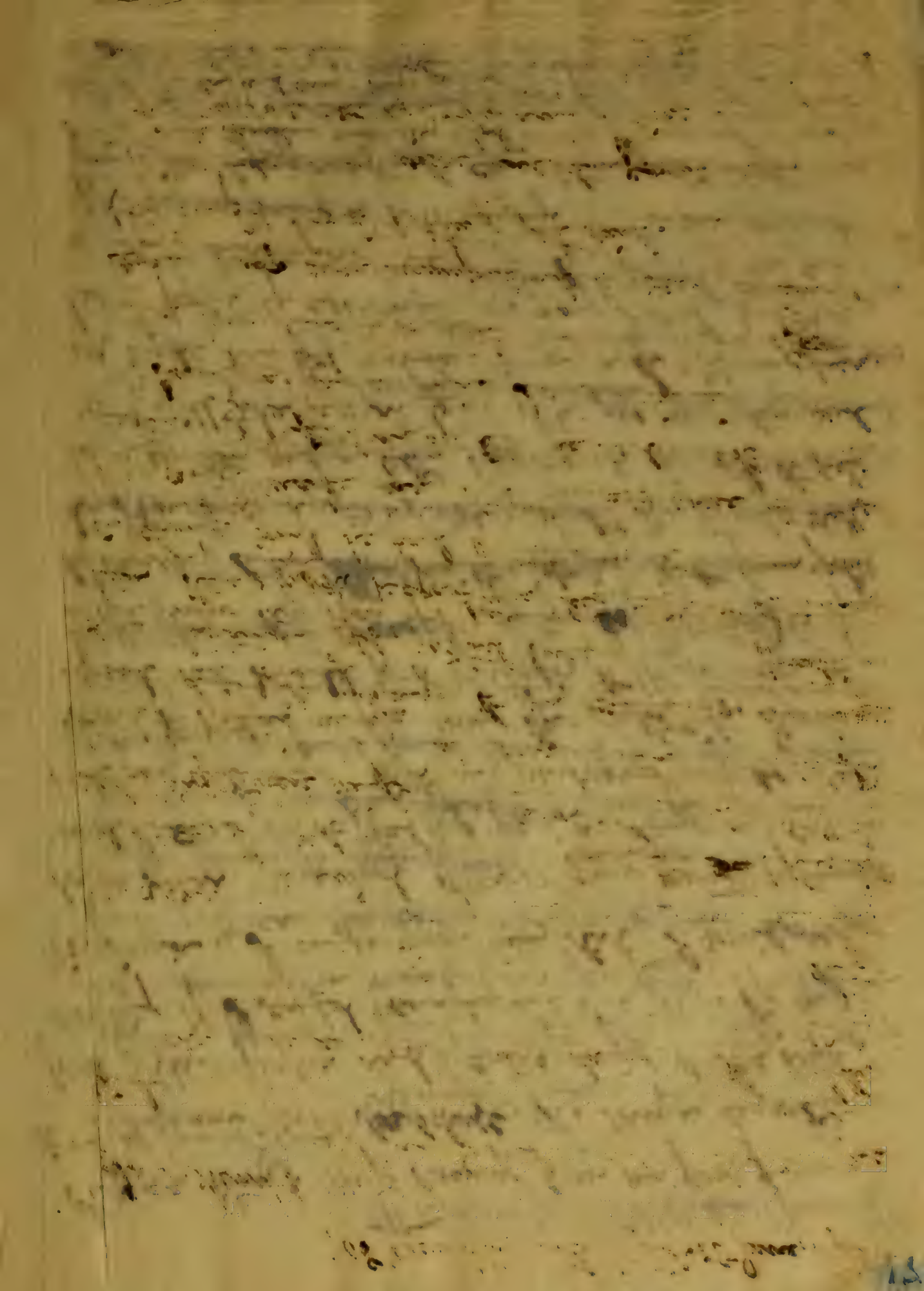


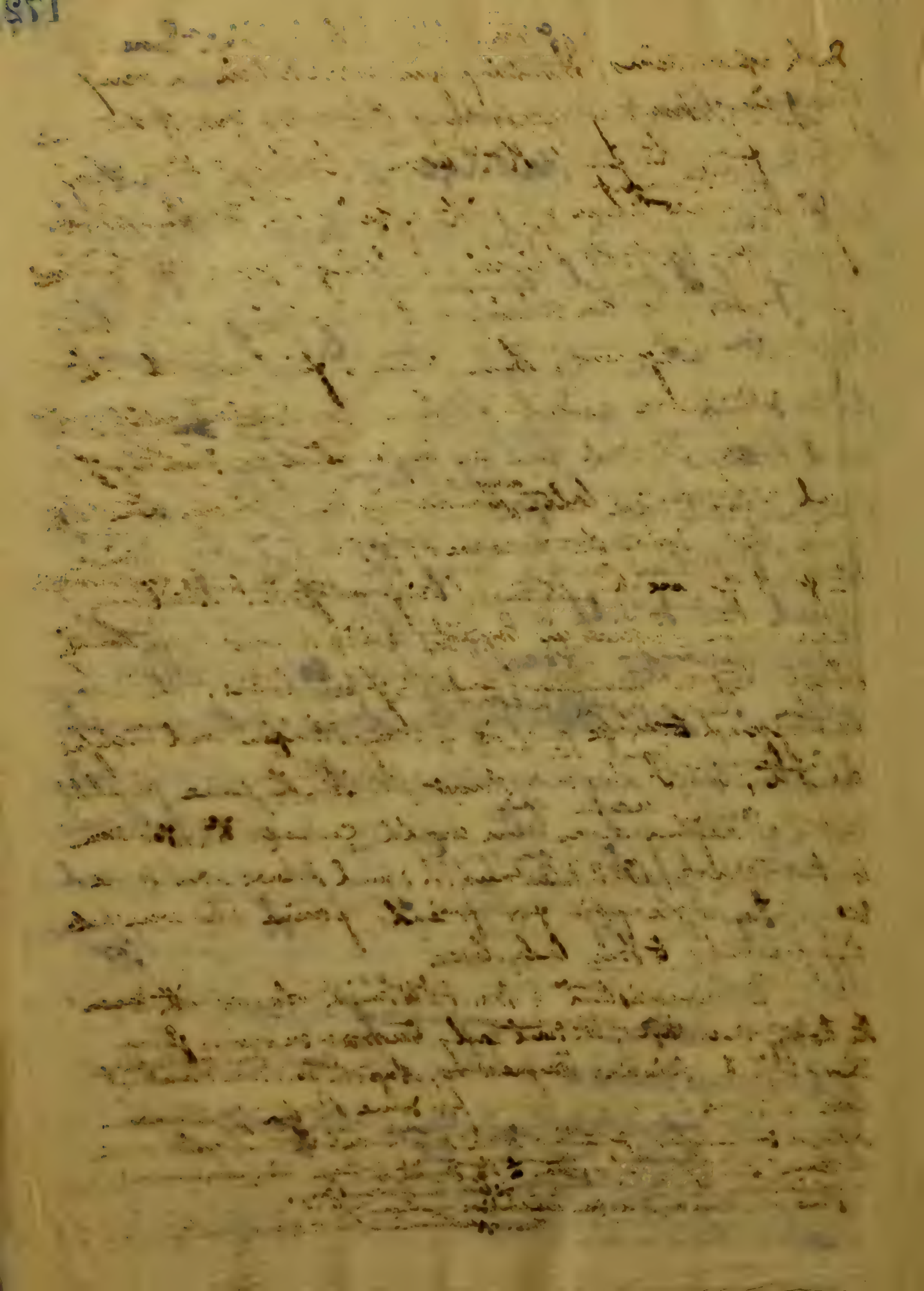












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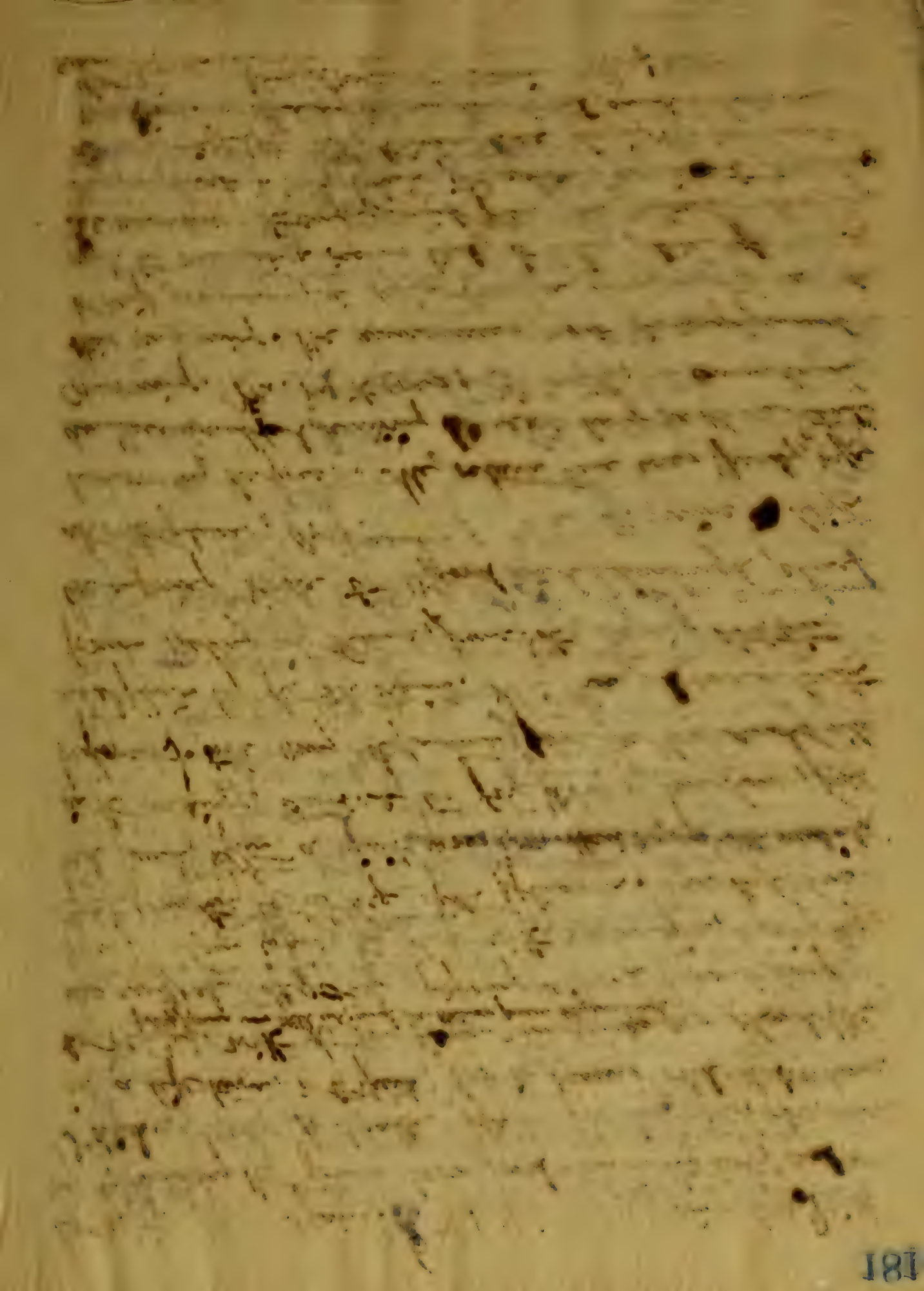

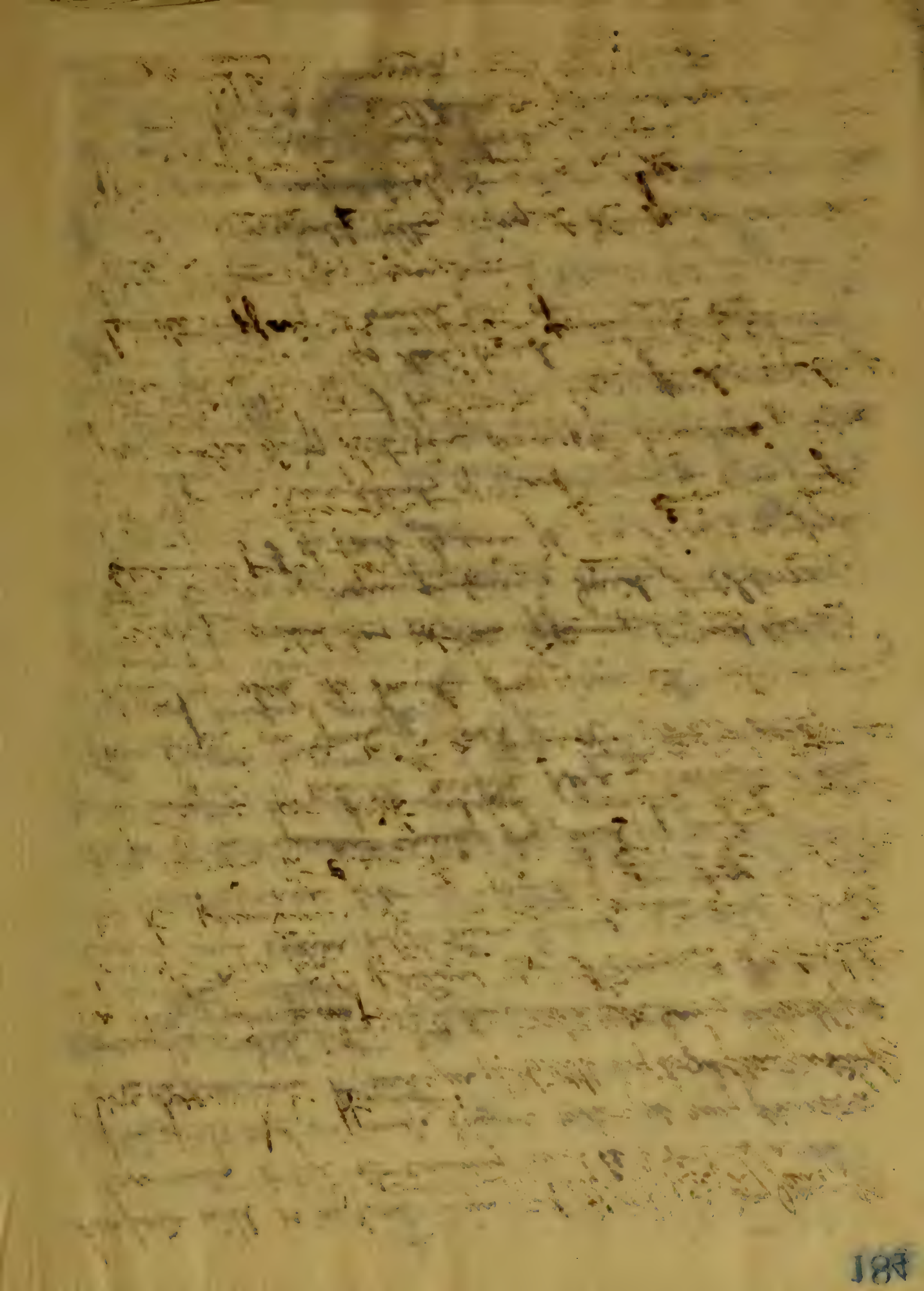

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should feel interested in preserving, & I should be glad to have the refusal of them (the frames) in case of your taking any such steps; with a work accompanying [illegible] letters and probably some things that are not found very commonly, and [illegible] I have constantly [illegible].

[illegible] thinking of going [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] think there you might [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible], where the [illegible] [illegible] fair light.

Mr. [illegible] who was the [illegible] his engagement to Miss Johnson [illegible], has been trying to [illegible] to [illegible] work and [illegible] [illegible] quite [illegible] one. [illegible] by the [illegible] the middle of July [illegible] in [illegible] going away [illegible] [illegible]

1856

Dr Sarah Philadelphia Dec 5

My dear Hannah

I have not got your letter
yet to day. I was not prepared to hear that
you were until Thursday we might have heard
from you before but to day
we may expect a letter. I do hope
we shall hear
I have been very busy
to day and I am very tired my
writing is very bad I have as much to
say - to tell that, as to do very often I have
wished to tell it. Sarah says that he would
rather come by the new through train that was begin
running this week Monday (yesterday) from Baltimore
to Washington by Northern Central Railway
Philadelphia; but that is he learned, and you know
no Britons, he might come through Perfectly
safely through Canada. Sarah will write & let me
know if he could come safely, by what route he
was coming. I did not mean in finishing my sentence
to tell that I had no
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

708 [illegible] Philadelphia, 1 July, 1870.

My dear [illegible]:

Many thanks for your favor of the 27th, and congratulations on the completion of your graduation. It is customary for the graduates intending to enter college to receive something like a letter from the High School [illegible] recommending them. I hope you will obtain it, as it may be useful, if you should try to enter the University in the autumn.

A letter from [illegible] [illegible] many a day that [illegible] were [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good [illegible] know you should [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] if you were [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible] [illegible]. My last letter [illegible] [illegible] gave full instructions on that point, and [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you might be met at the train. [illegible] you will, [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quiet place.

[illegible] [illegible] is hardly very necessary [illegible] your time; and if nobody should be there to meet you you can come here in the [illegible] car. [illegible] the baggage express man take [illegible] your trunk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] here at 708 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. He will pass through the train [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the baggage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all my love to [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

70 & Lancaster, Philadelphia, 1 July, 1891

Rev. W. W. Newell,
Secretary American Folk-Lore Soc'y,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

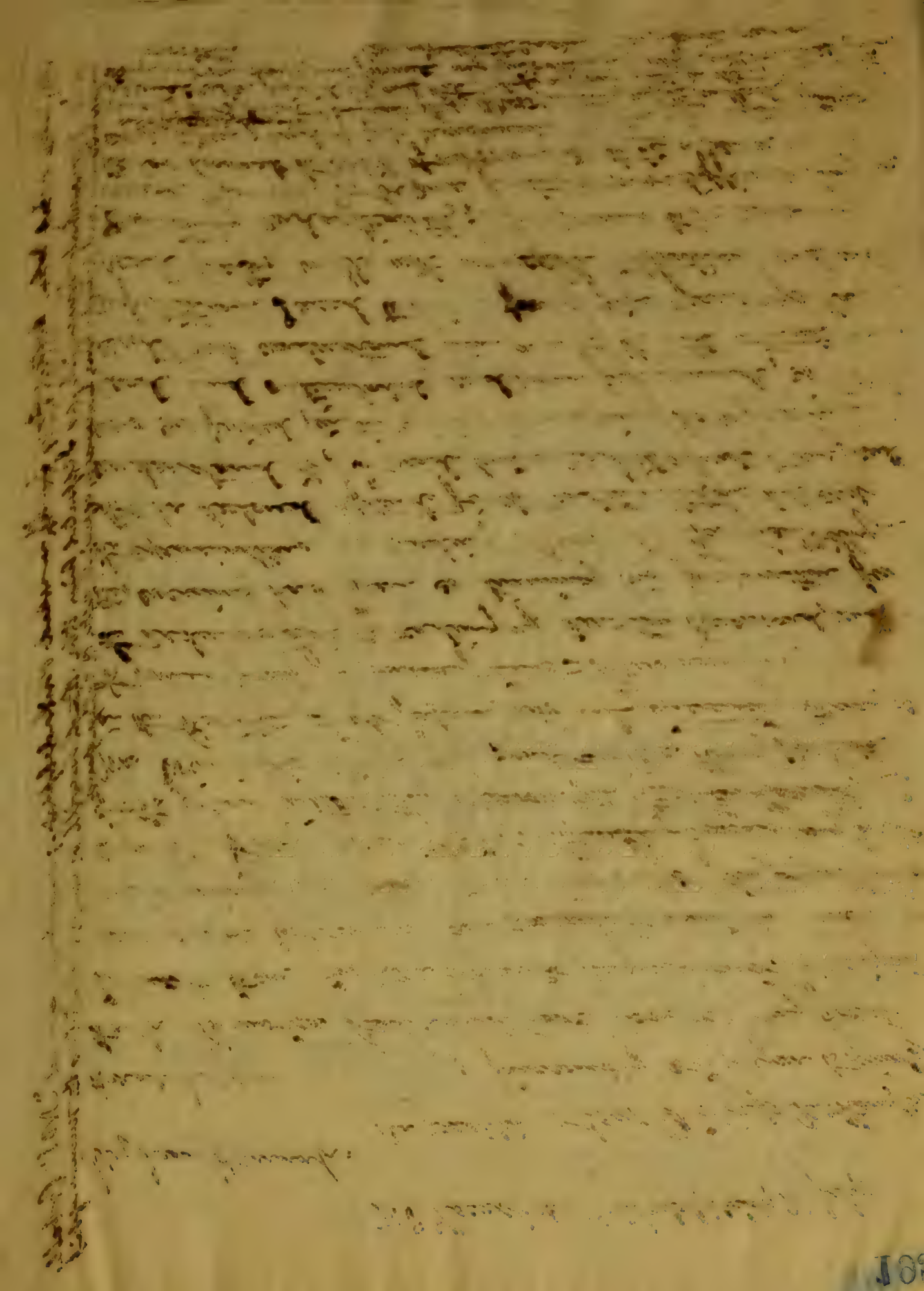
Many thanks for your circular of June 25 & 26th, received Friday evening & Treasurer's bill.

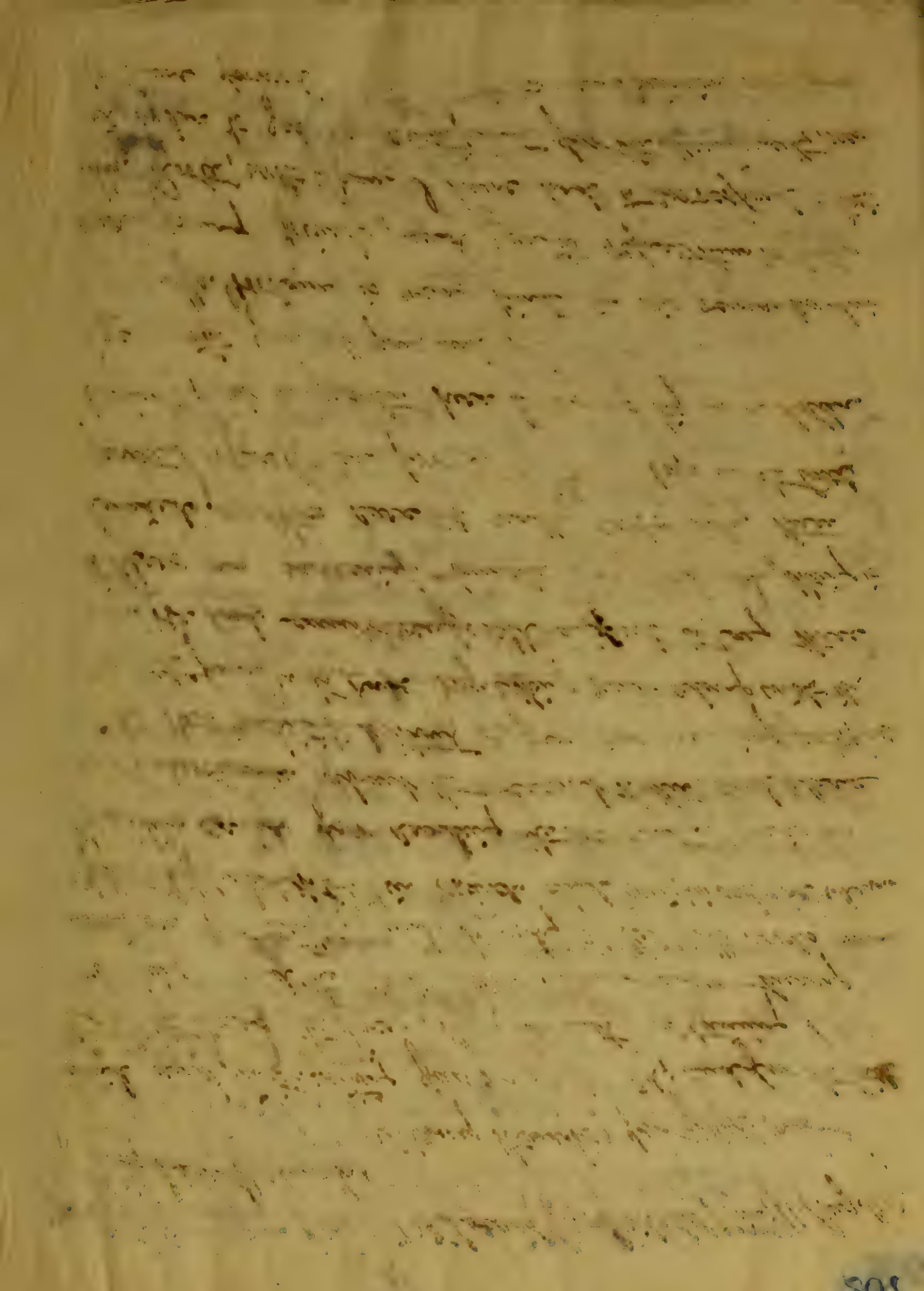
As you ask to be notified in case of failure to receive the Journal, I beg to say that No VIII has not yet come to hand & although No IX arrived a few days ago.

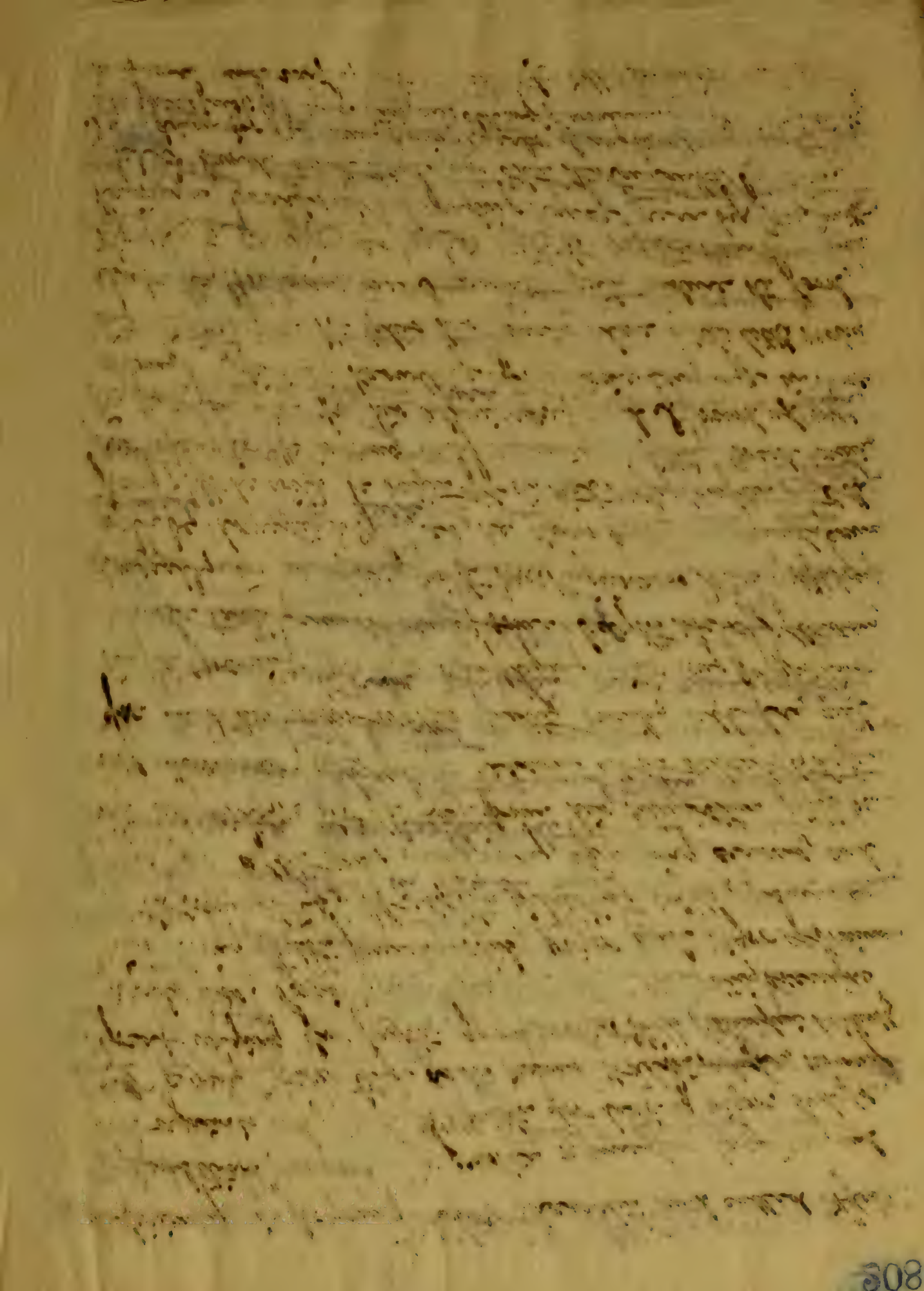
Very truly yours,

Wm. J. Sinclair

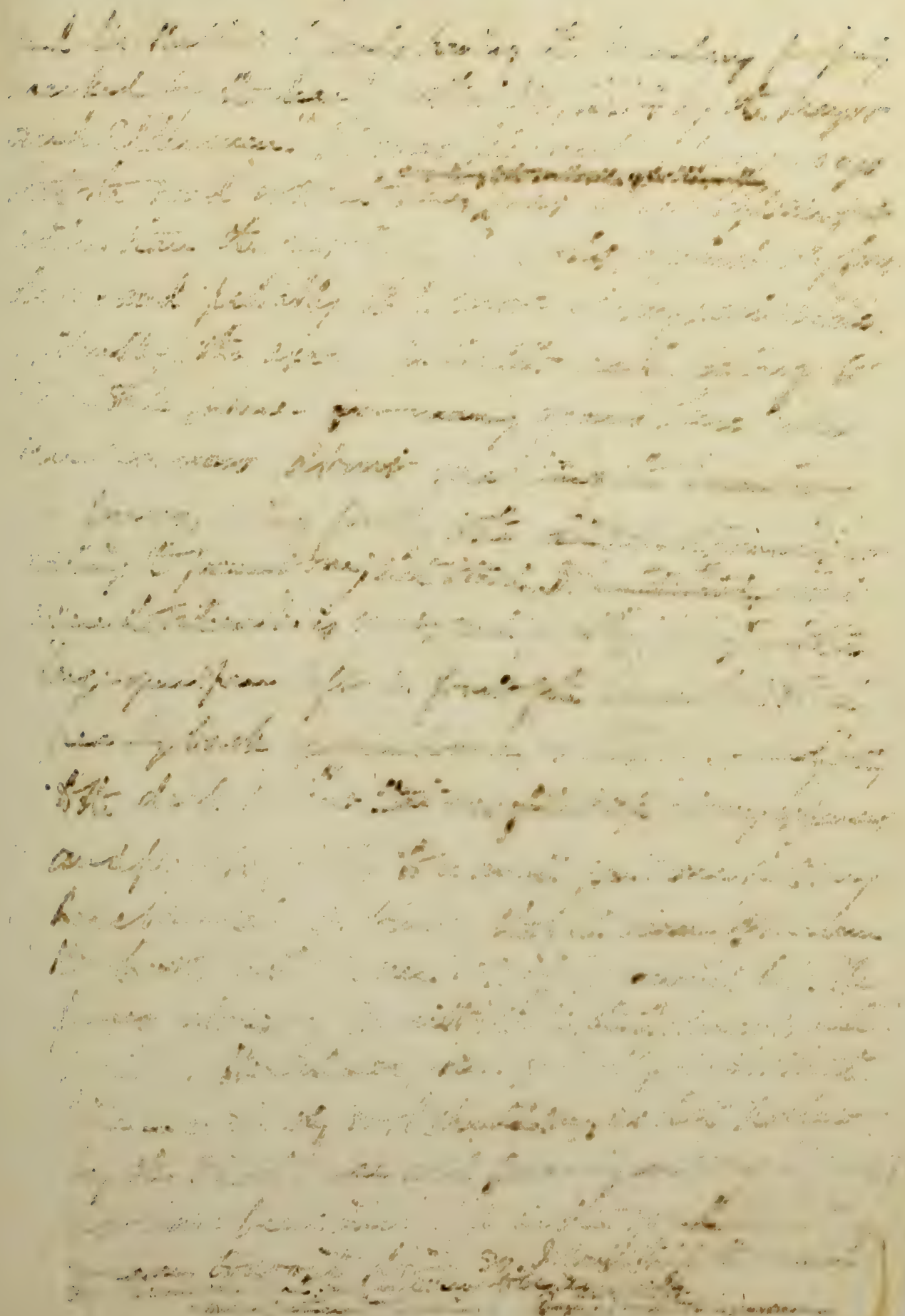
Ms 96

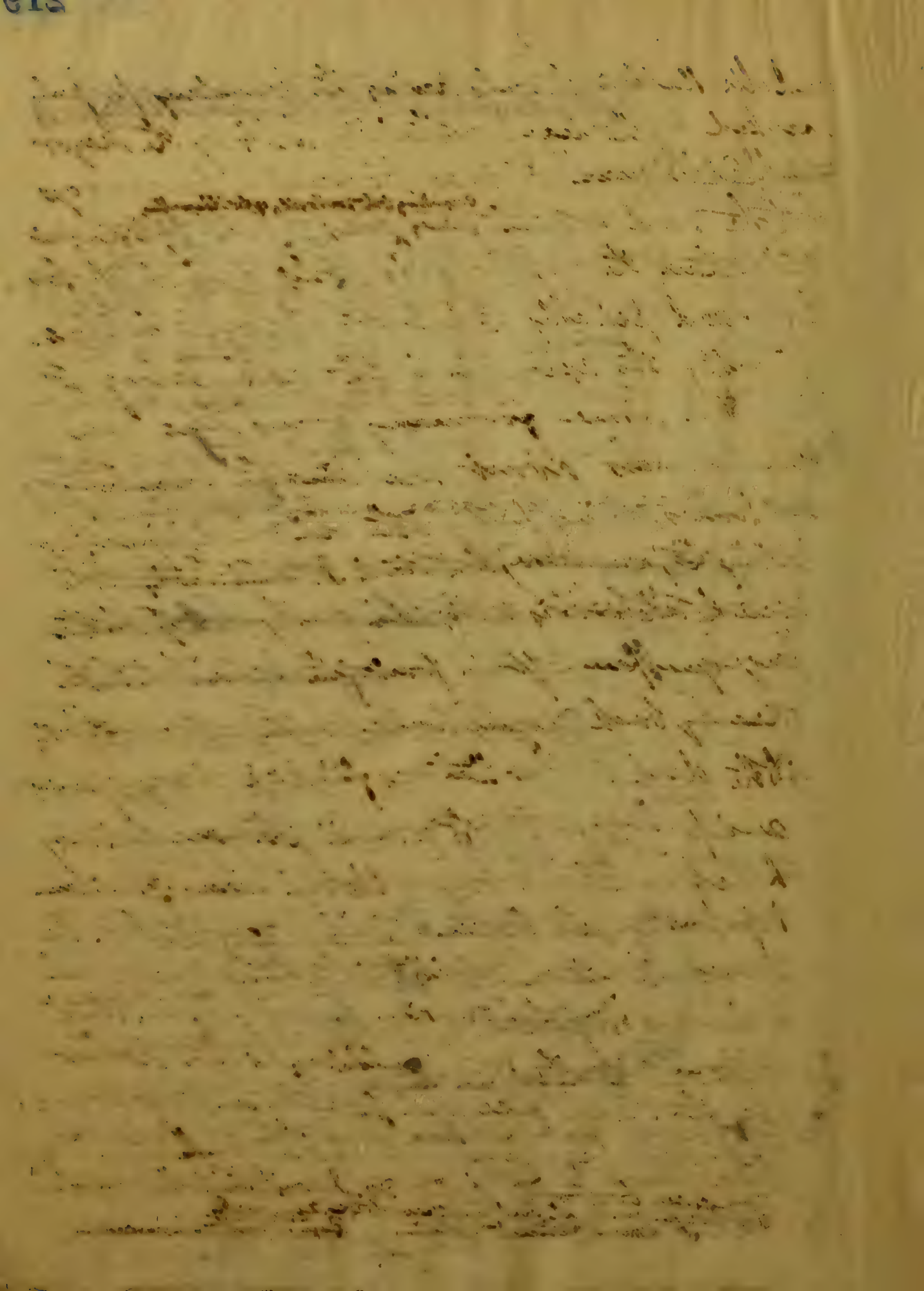


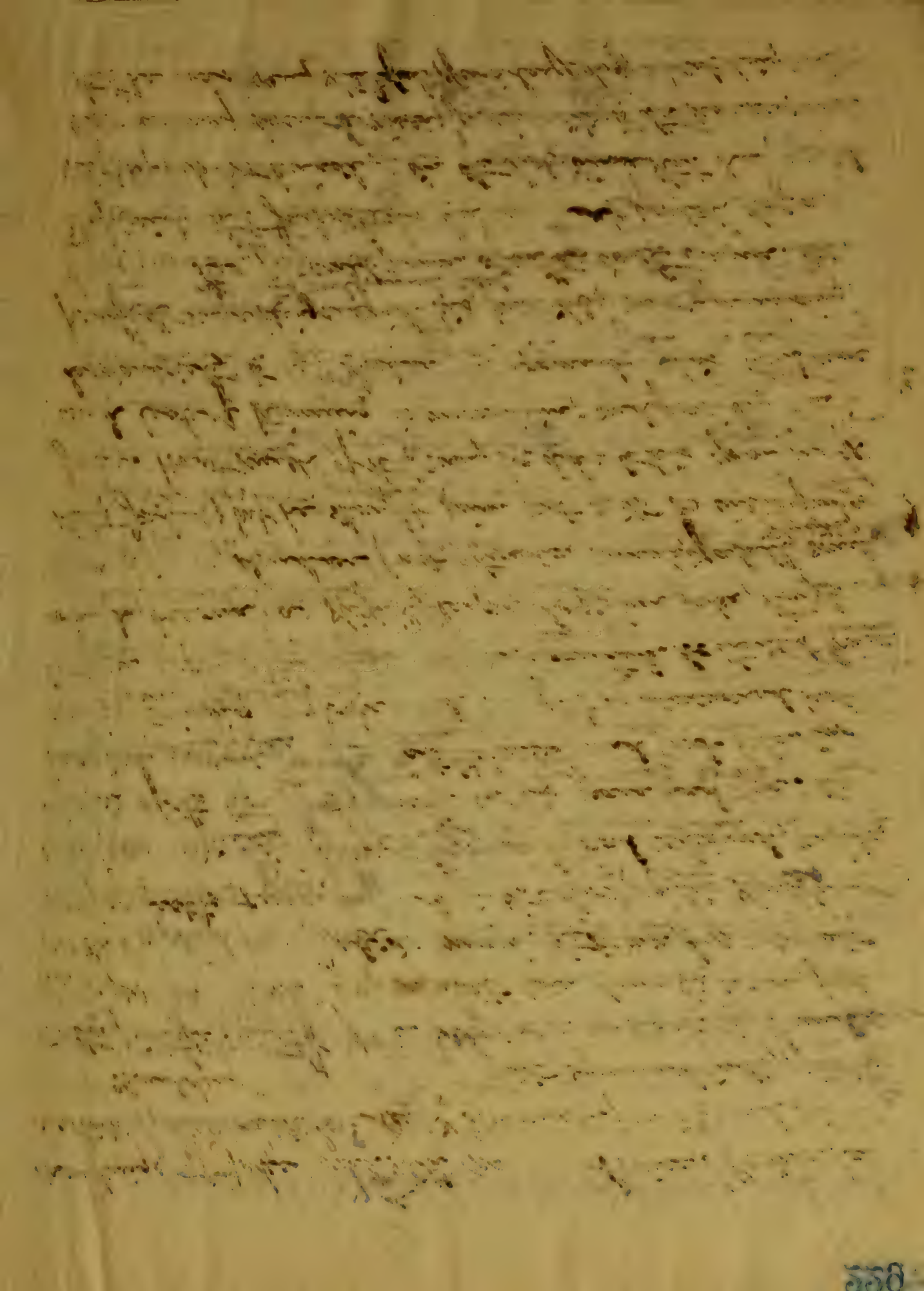


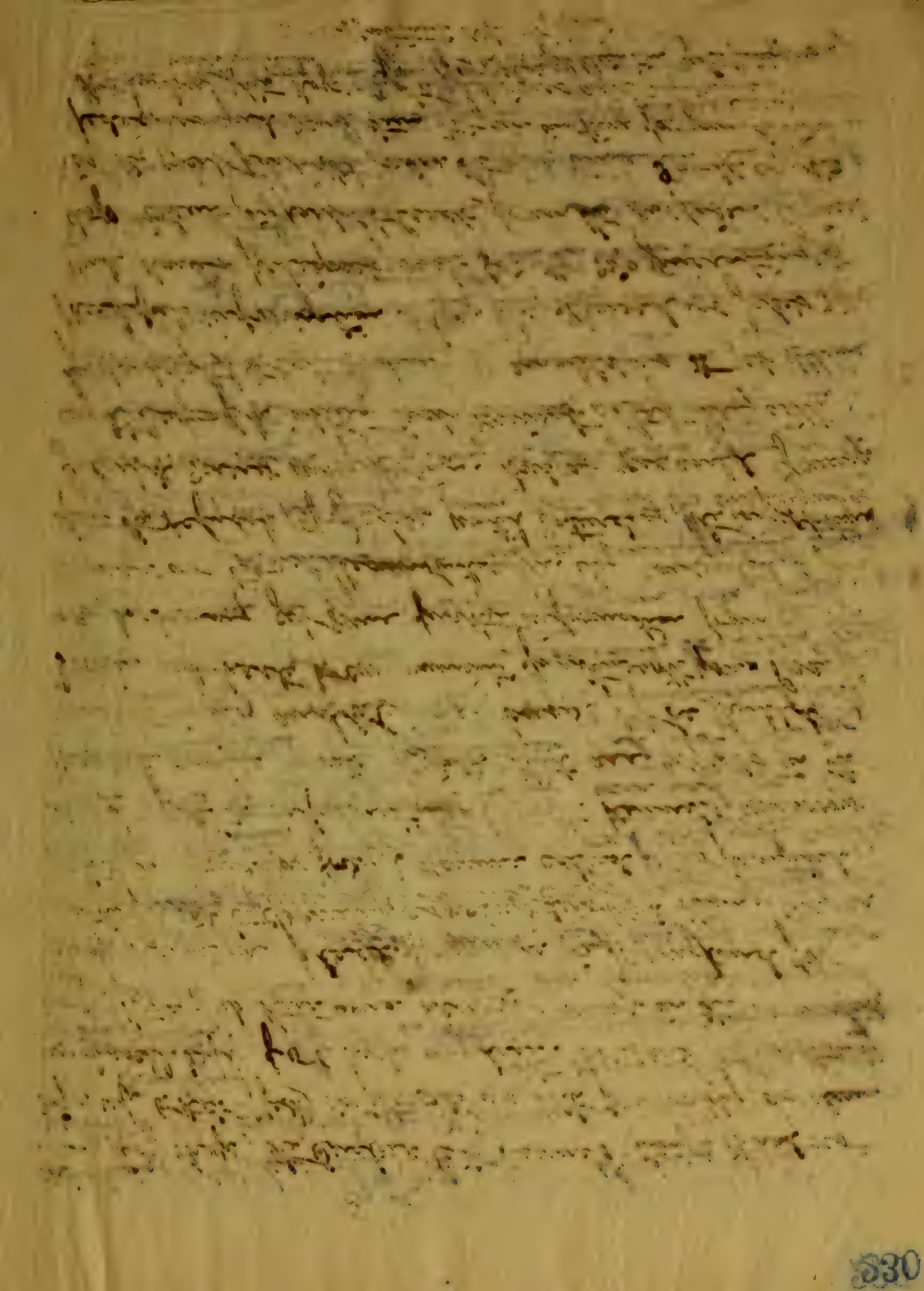


will probably have typewriting & copying machine again in a few weeks for several months to come. What I must do is to have daily at about eleven English reading aloud from her at least three times this spring. Perhaps the same entertainment may be provided respecting German, during two; Maybe later I can't tell. I shall be glad to hear the Devonshire ago, and can not quite [illegible]









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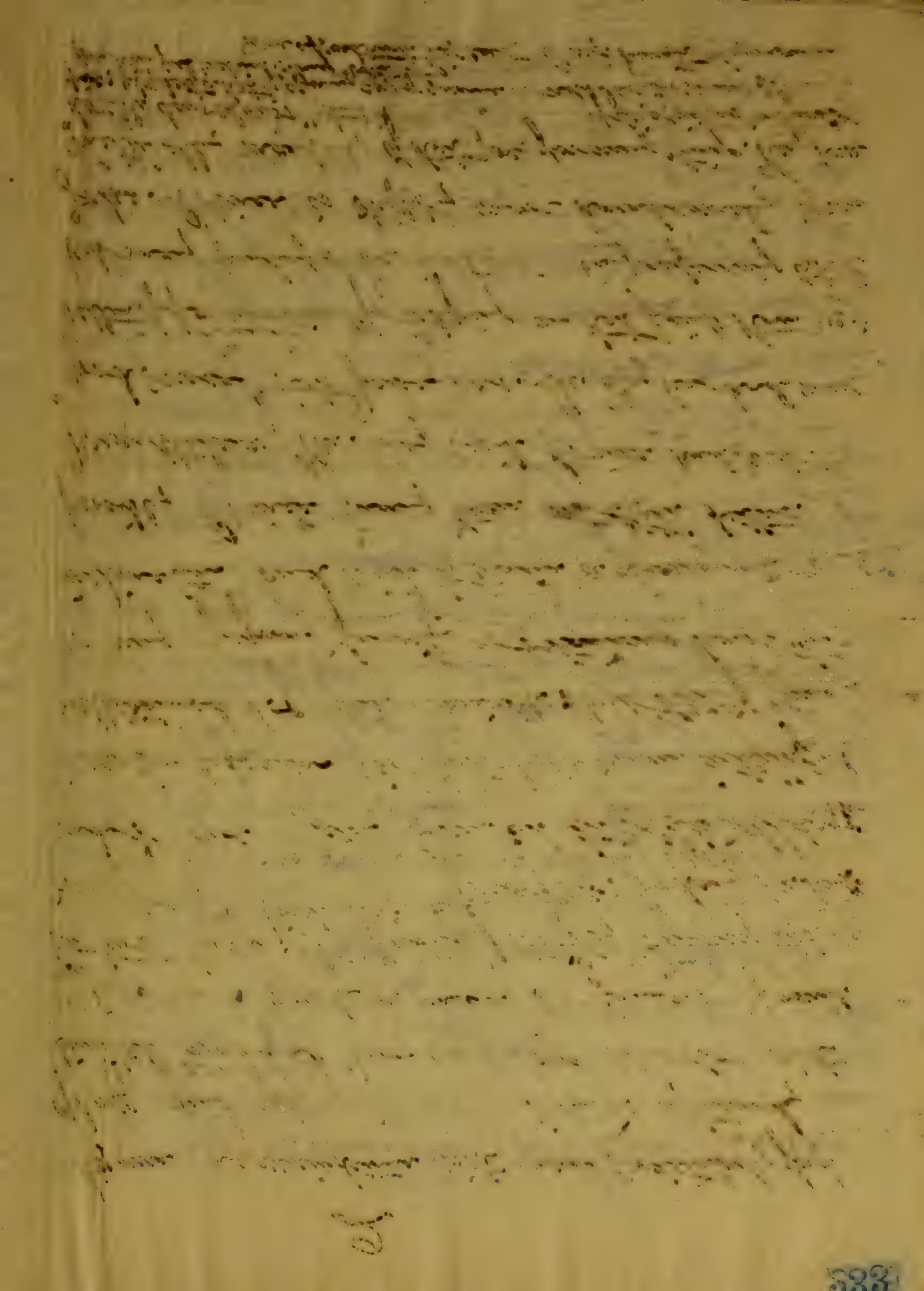

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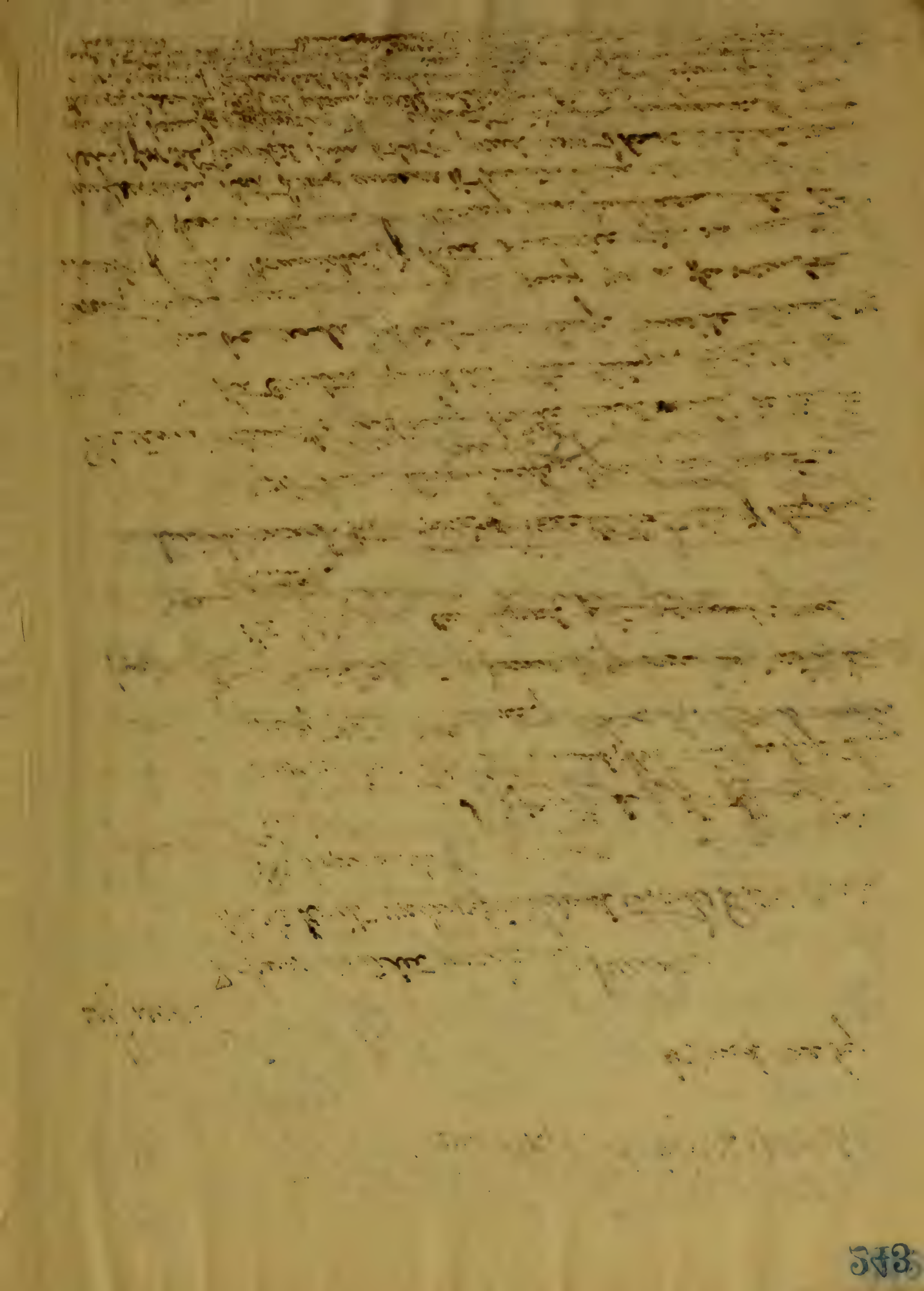

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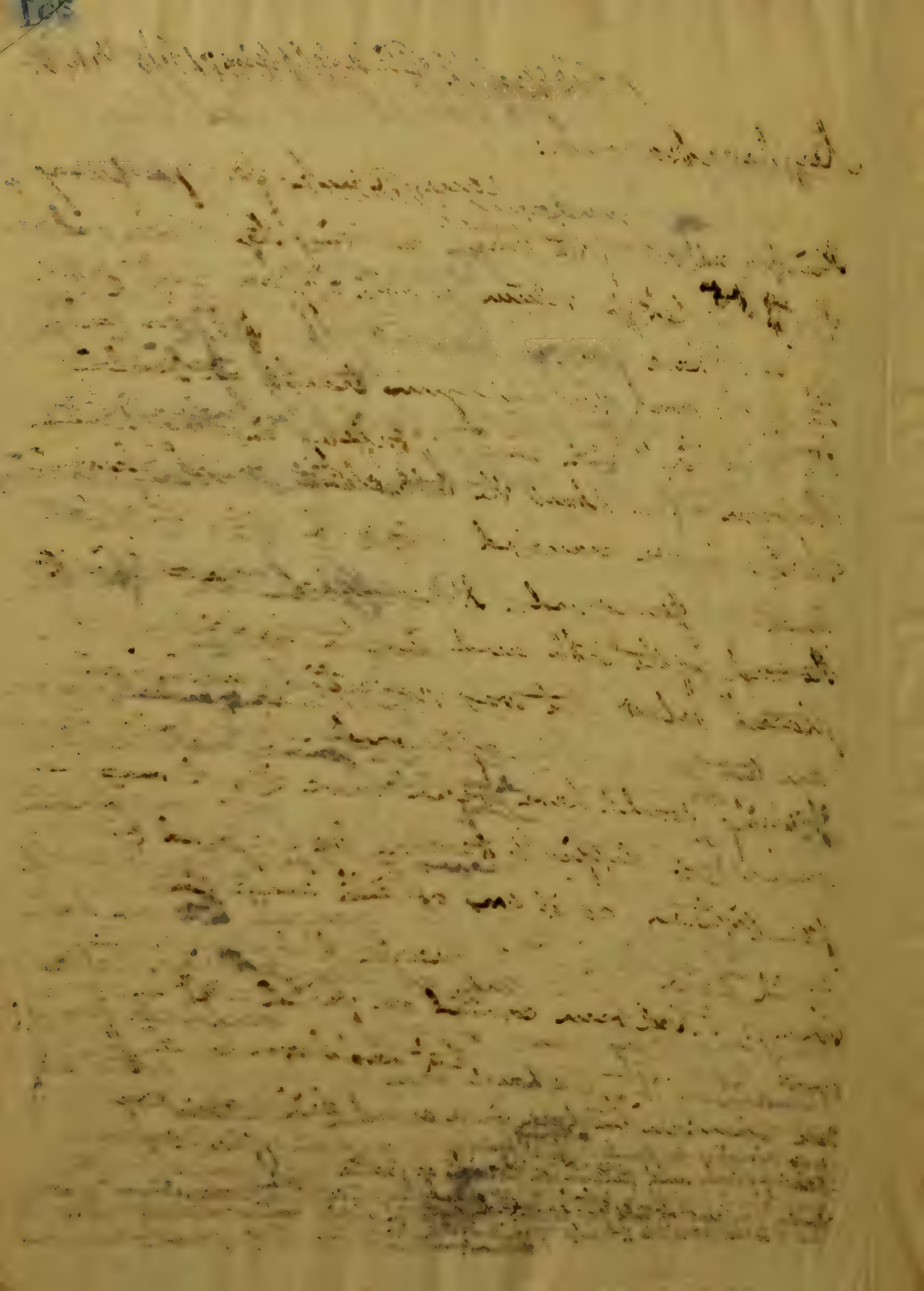

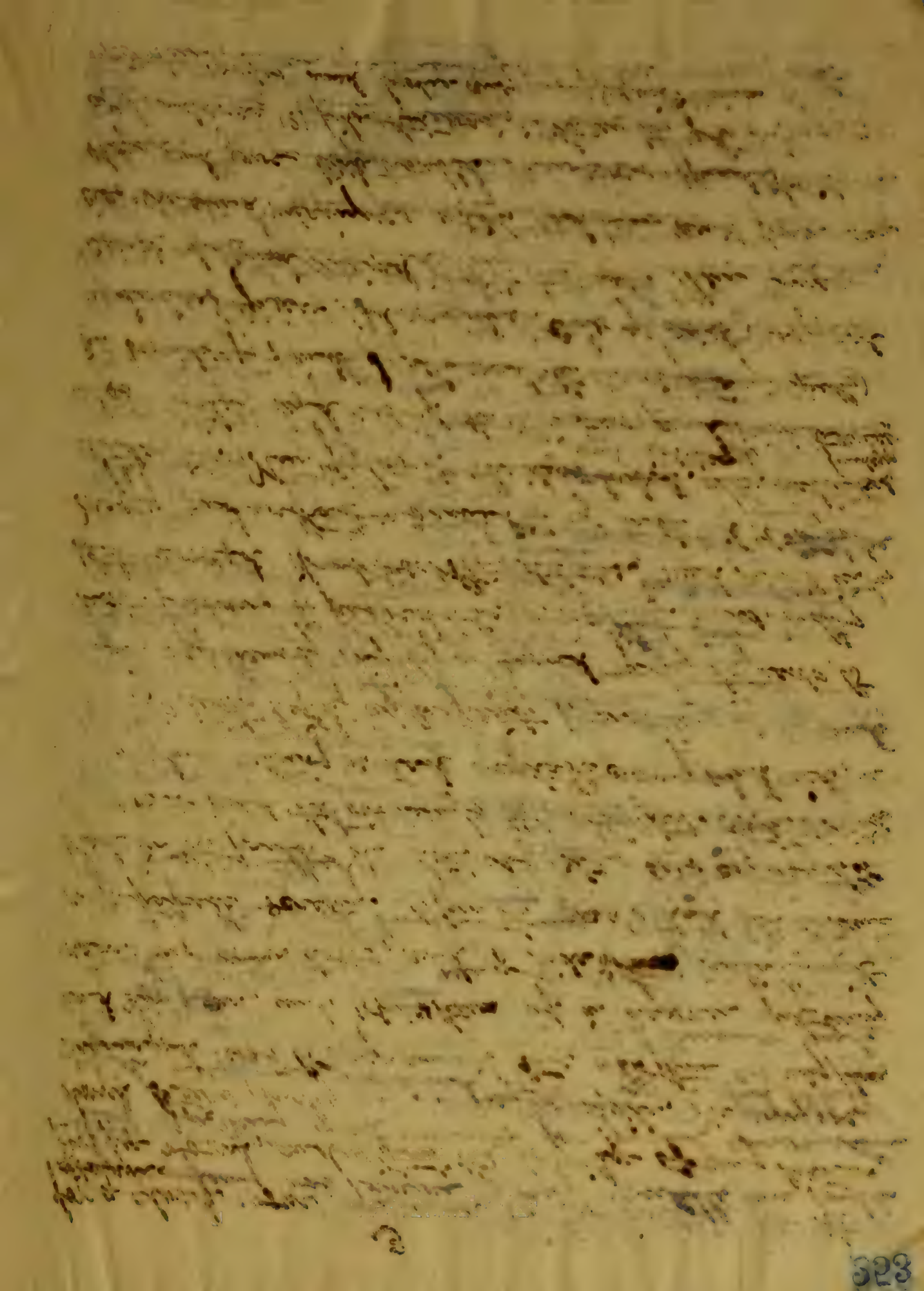

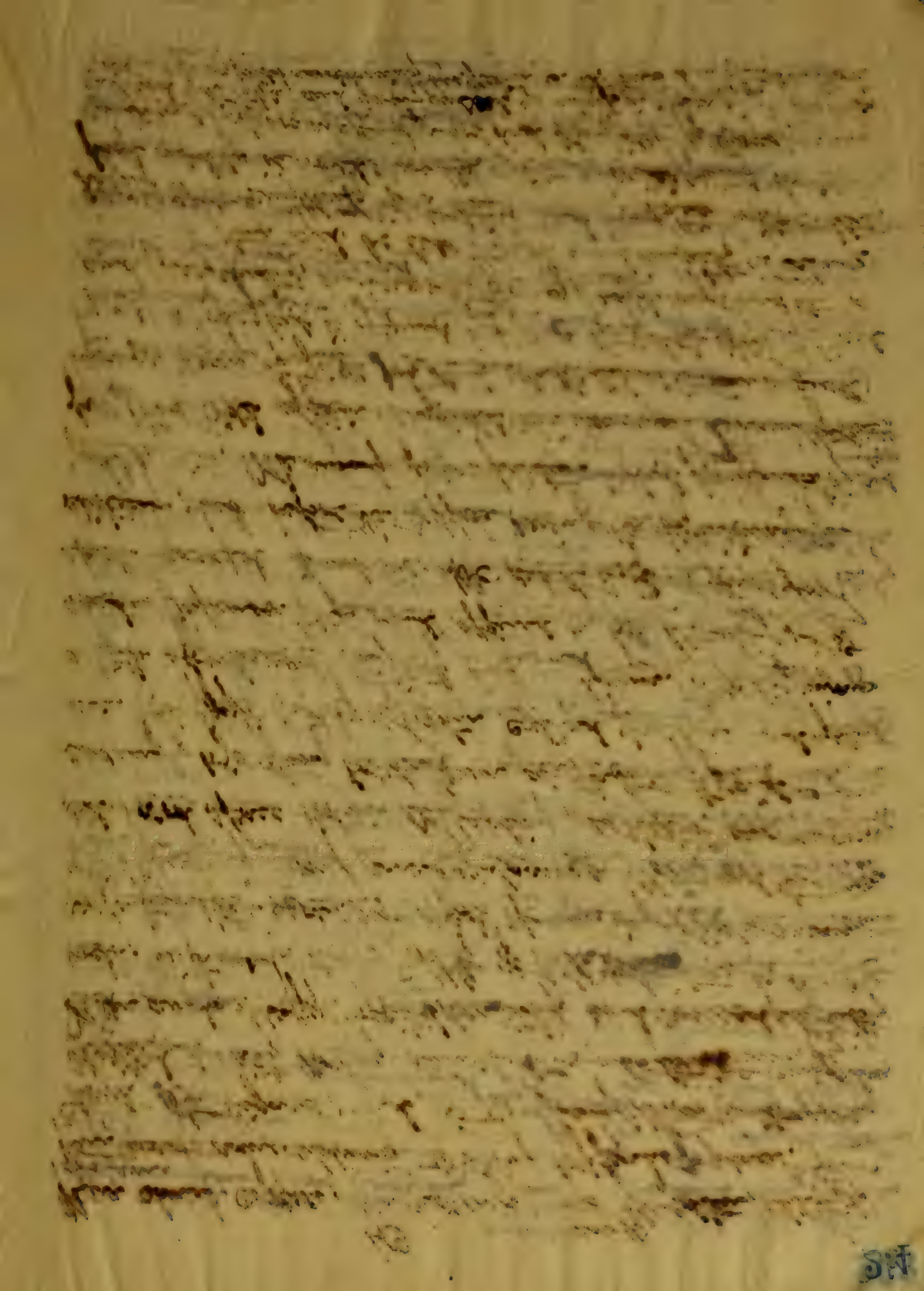

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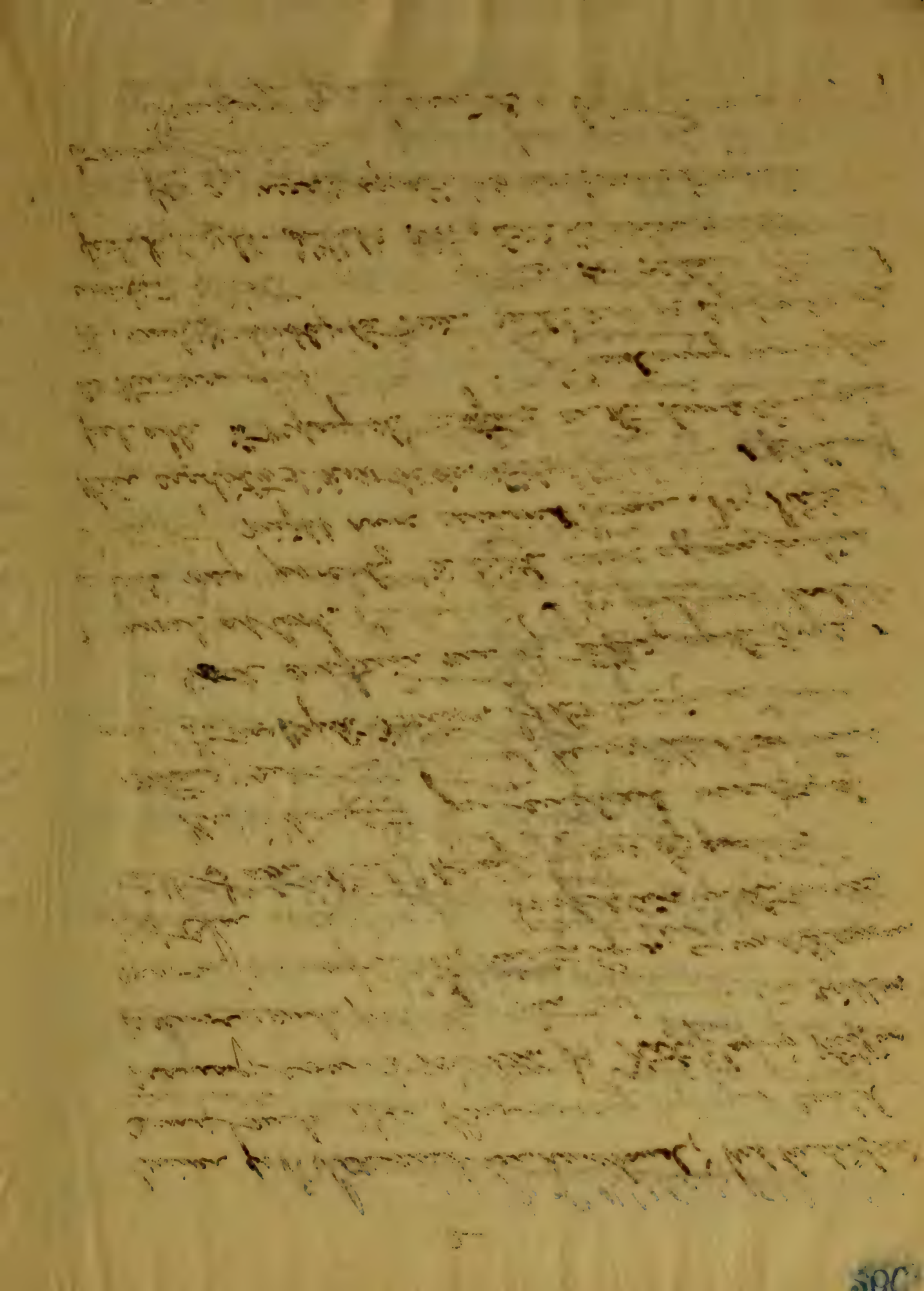

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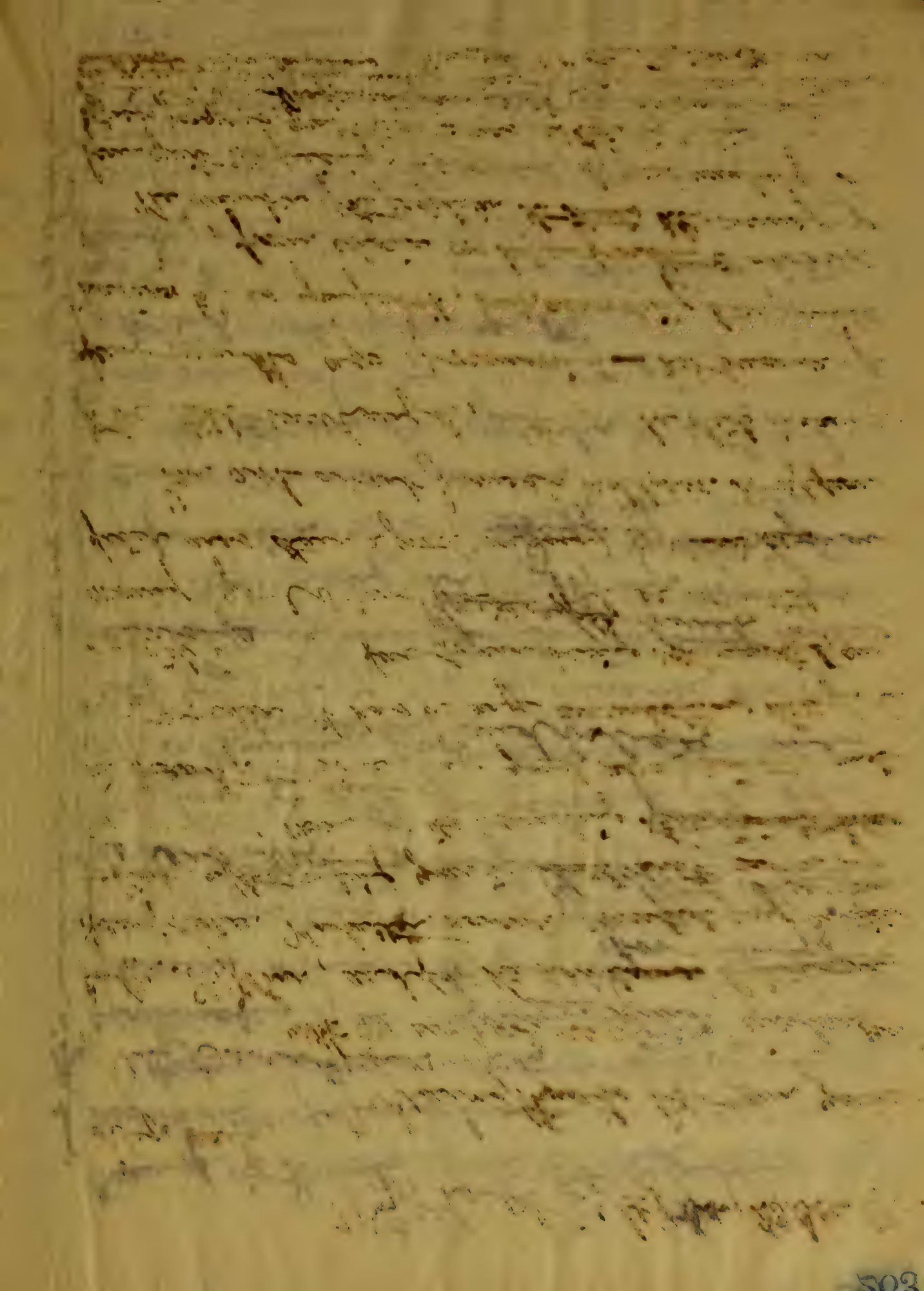

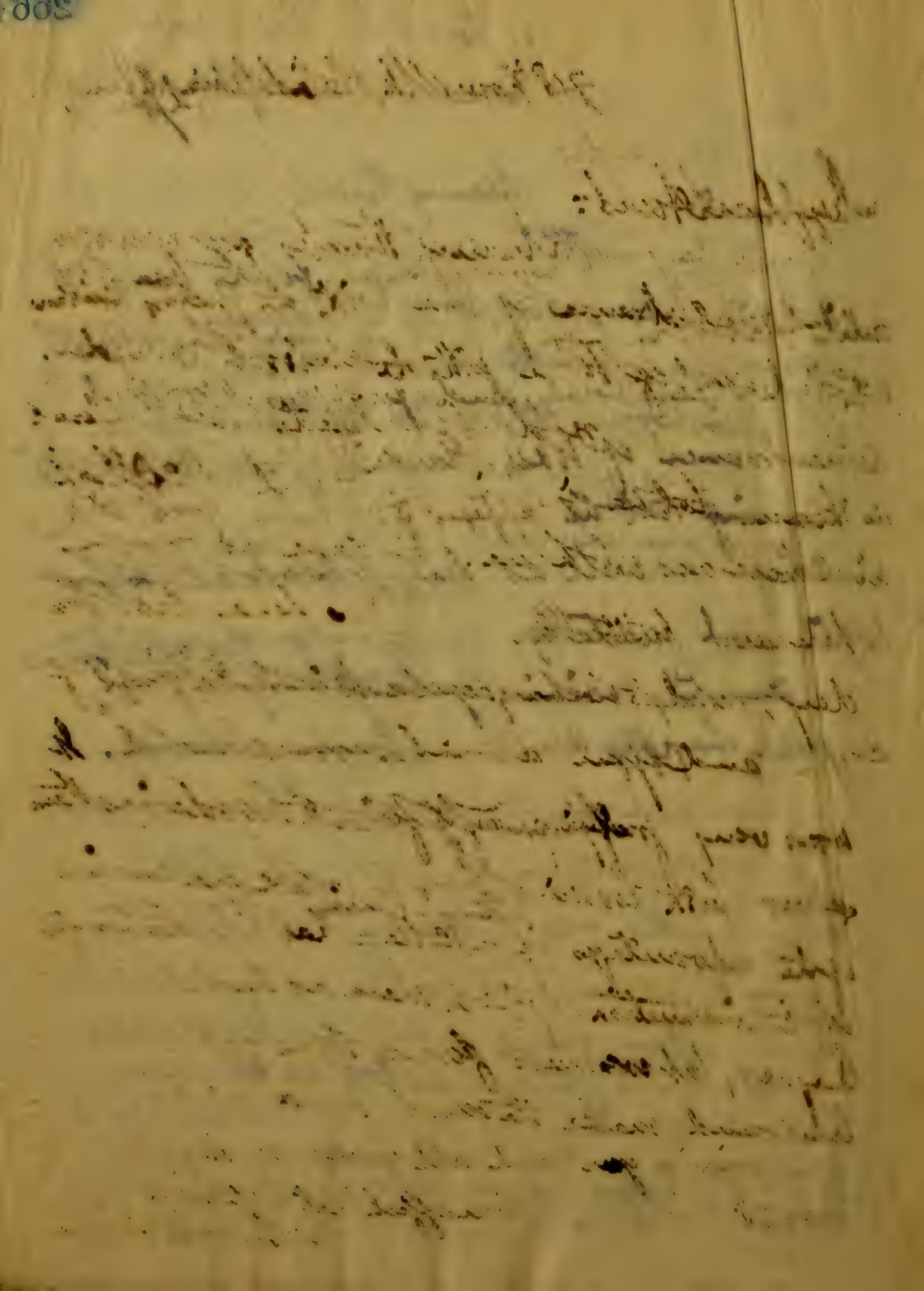

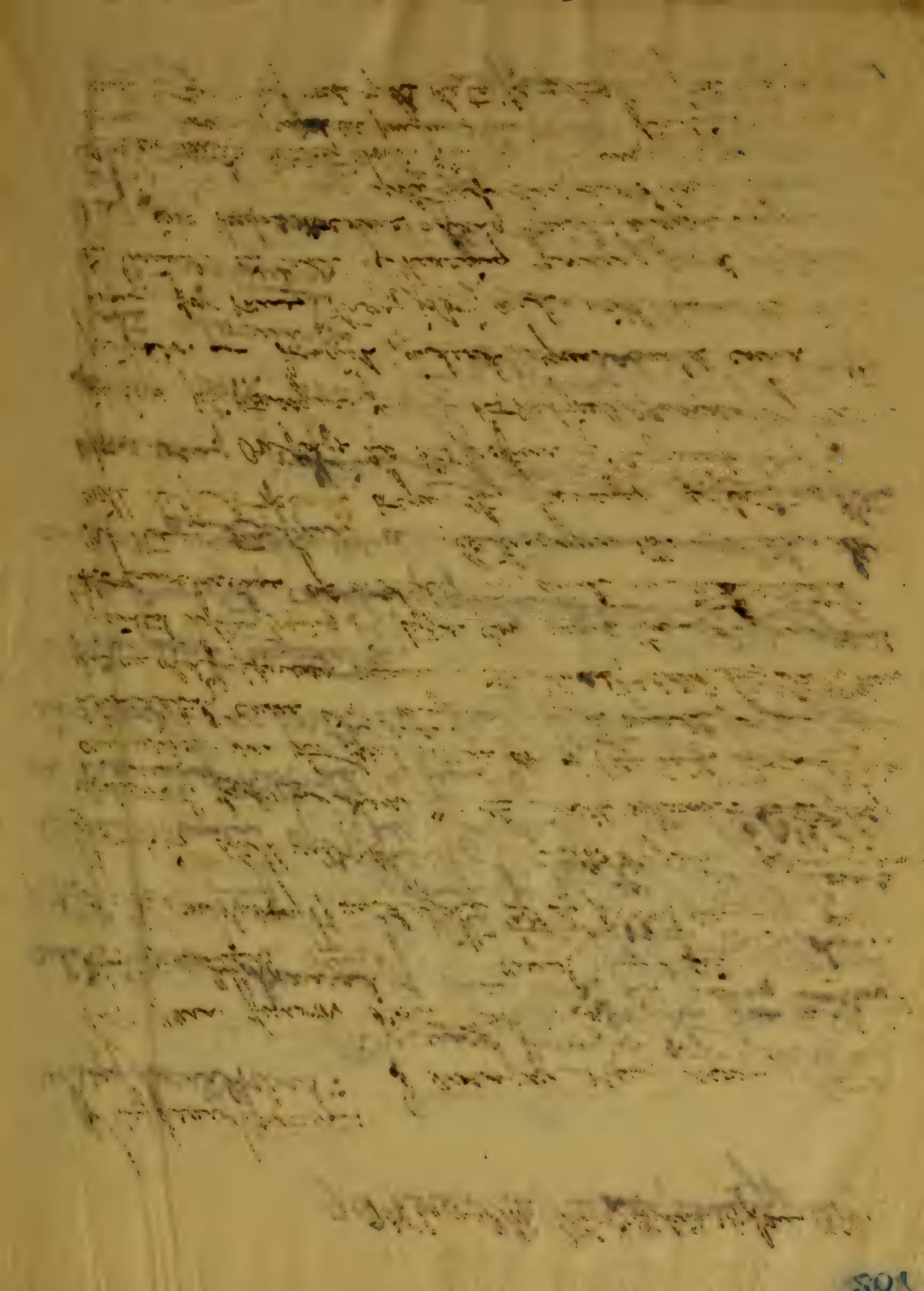

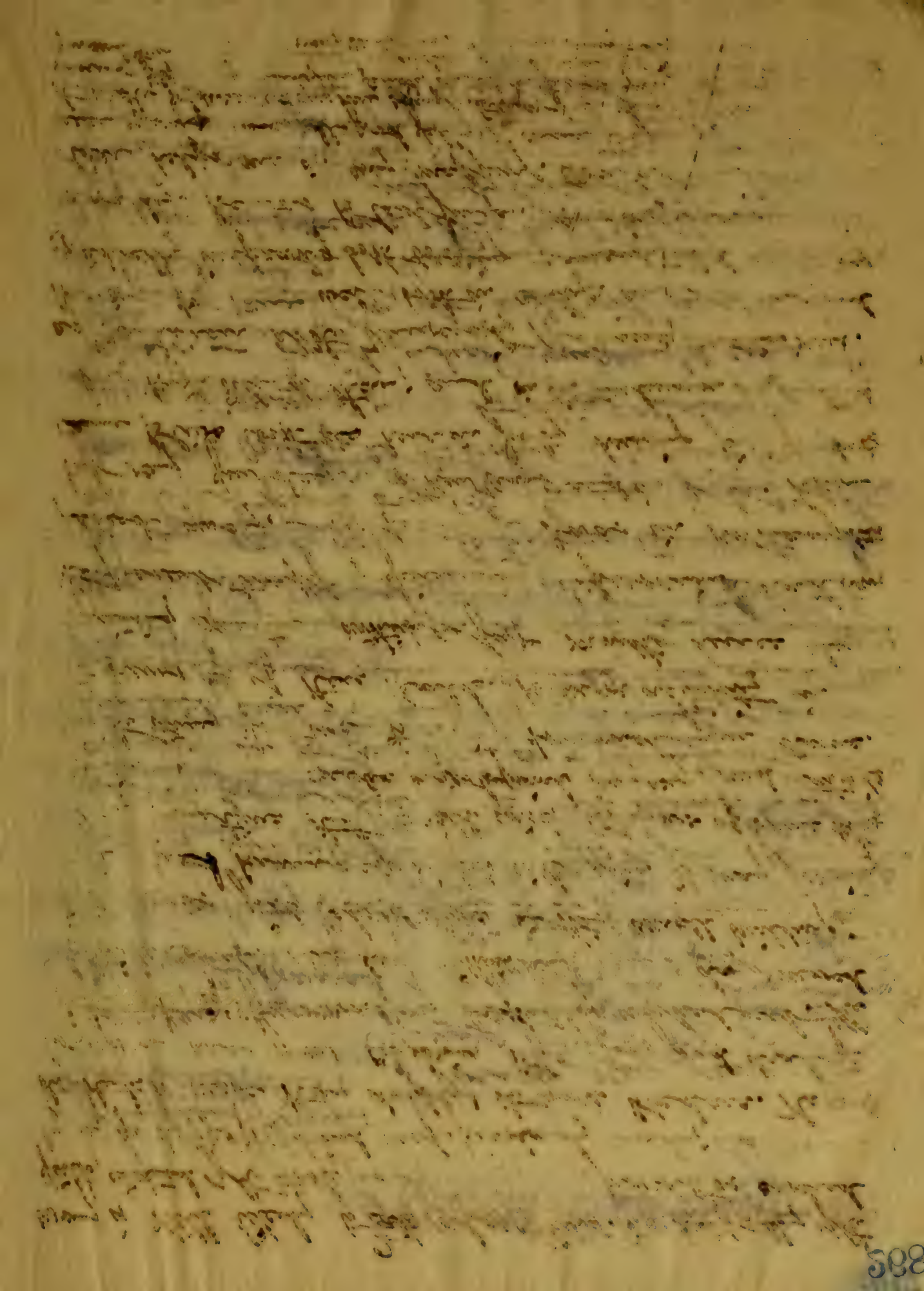

708 Locust St. Philadelphia. Jan 1871.

Dear Sunday

I have

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Friend!

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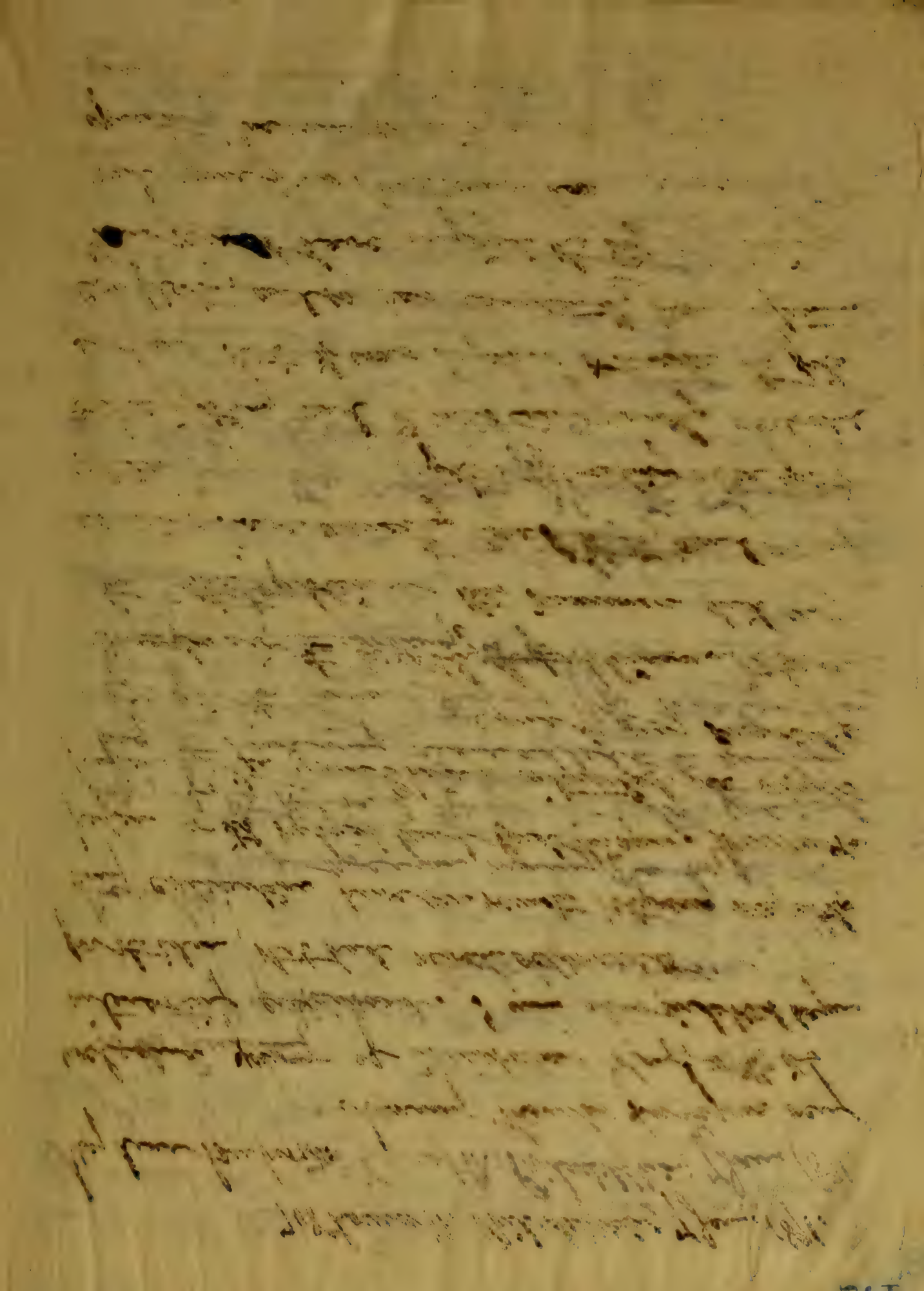
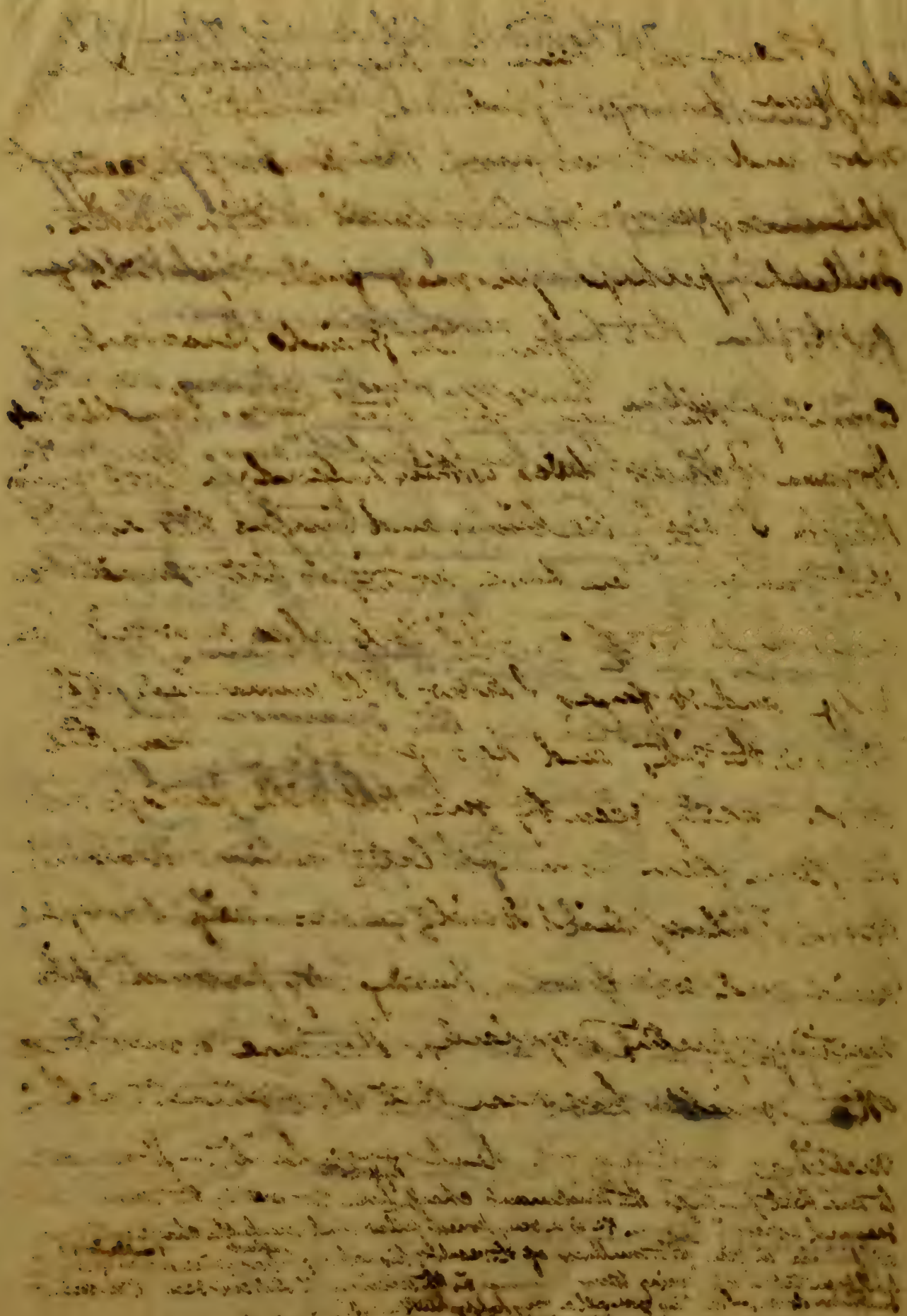
Portsmouth Hill near Ryde. 7th Jan. 1851.

My dear Lucas,





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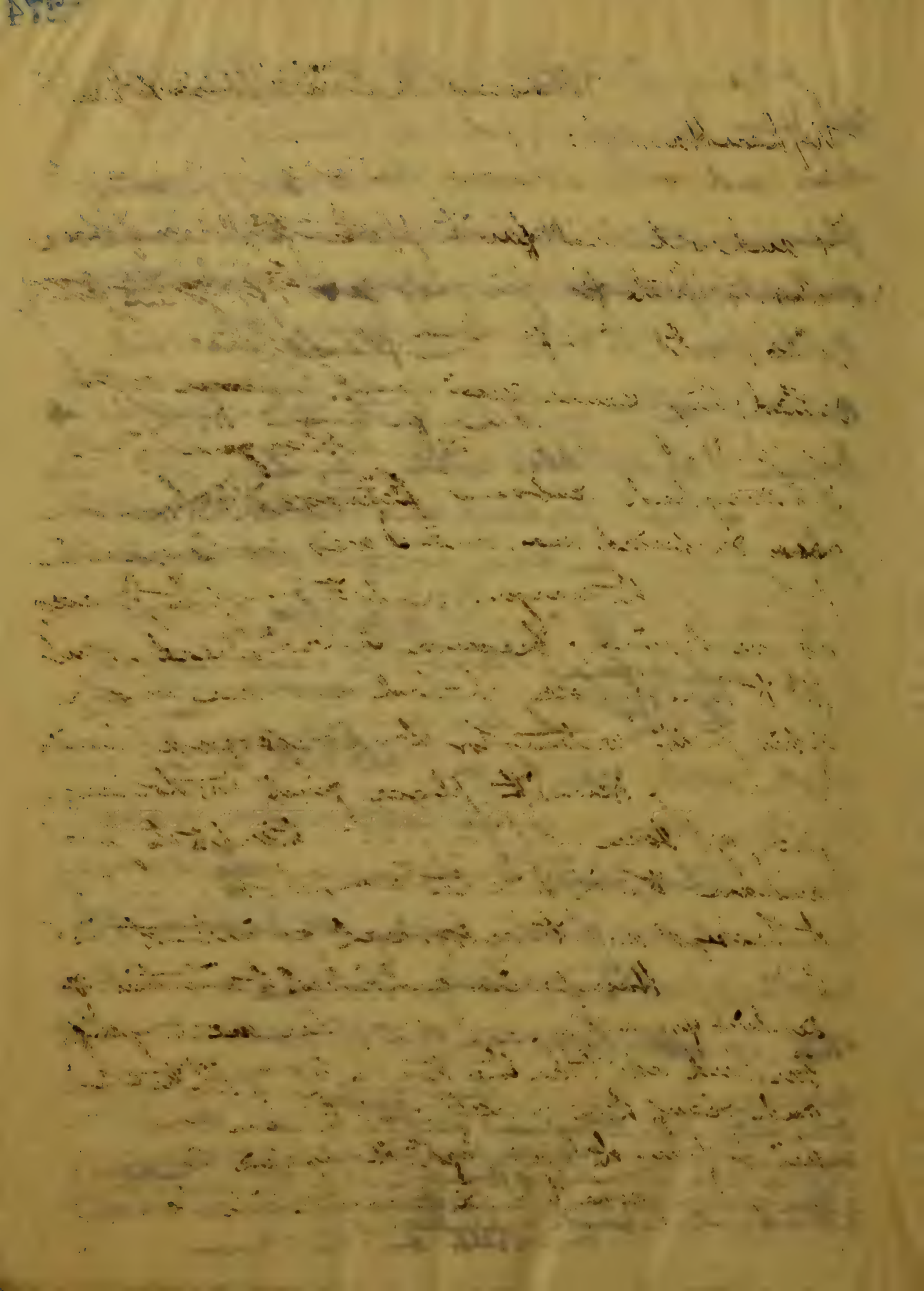

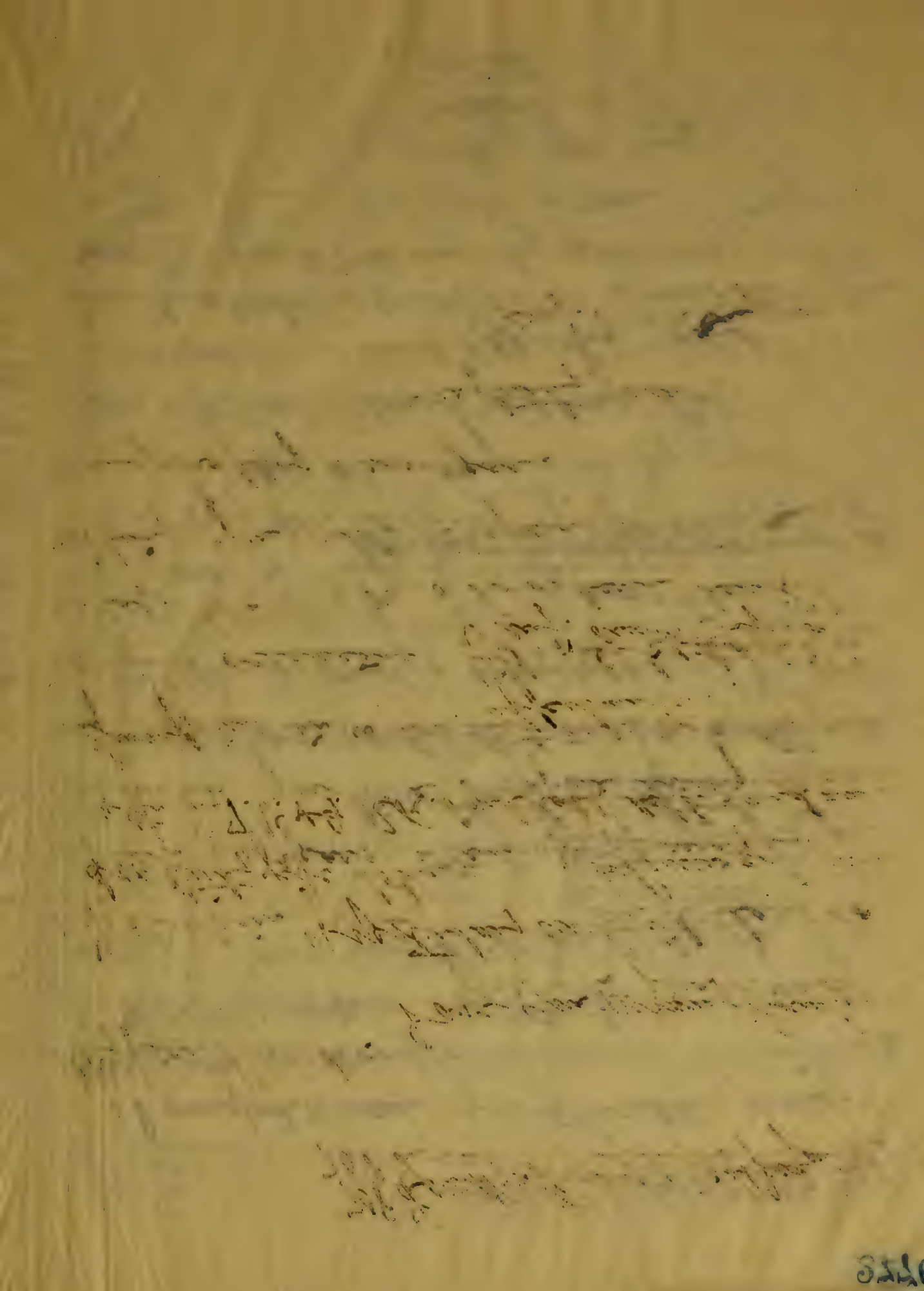

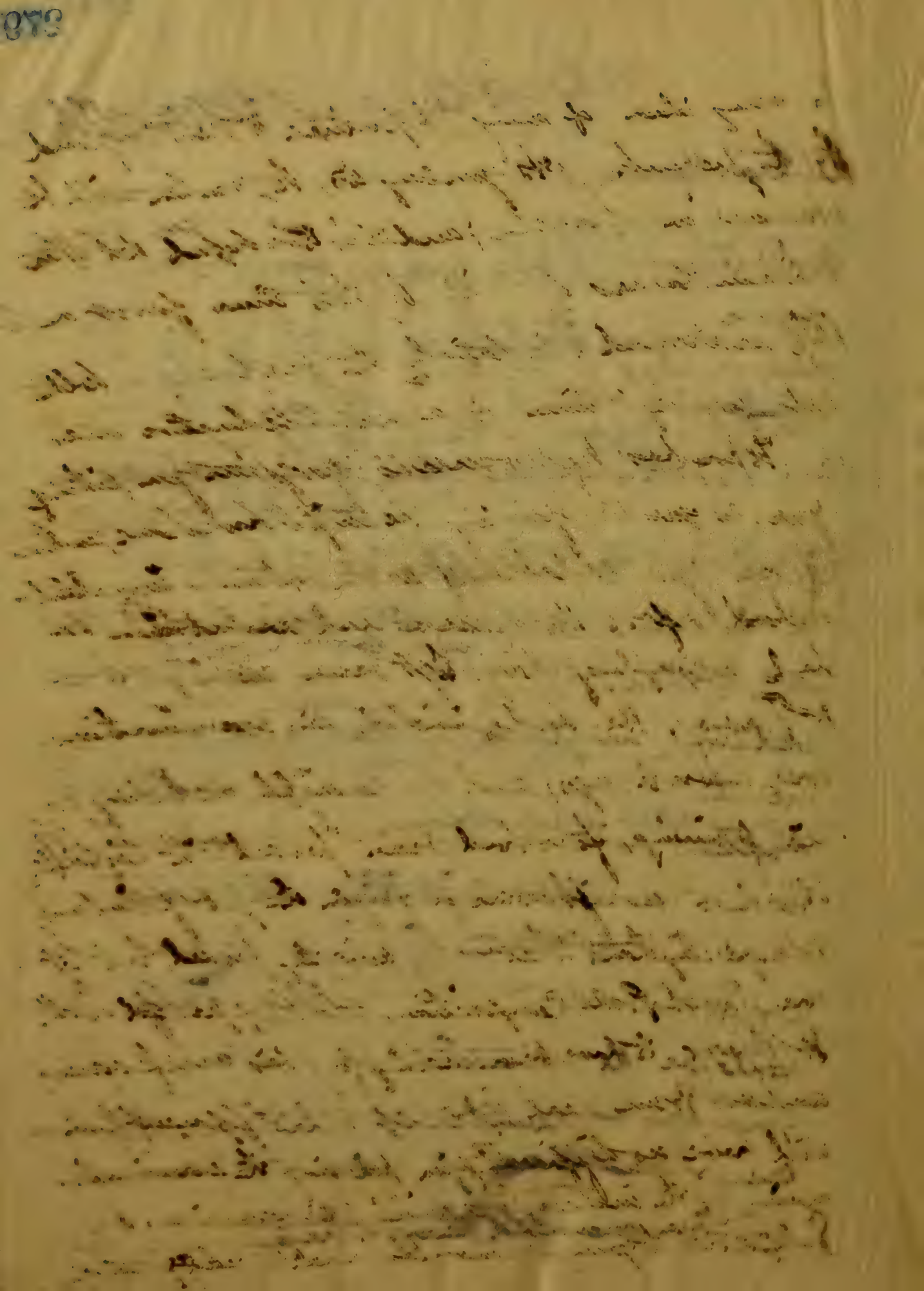

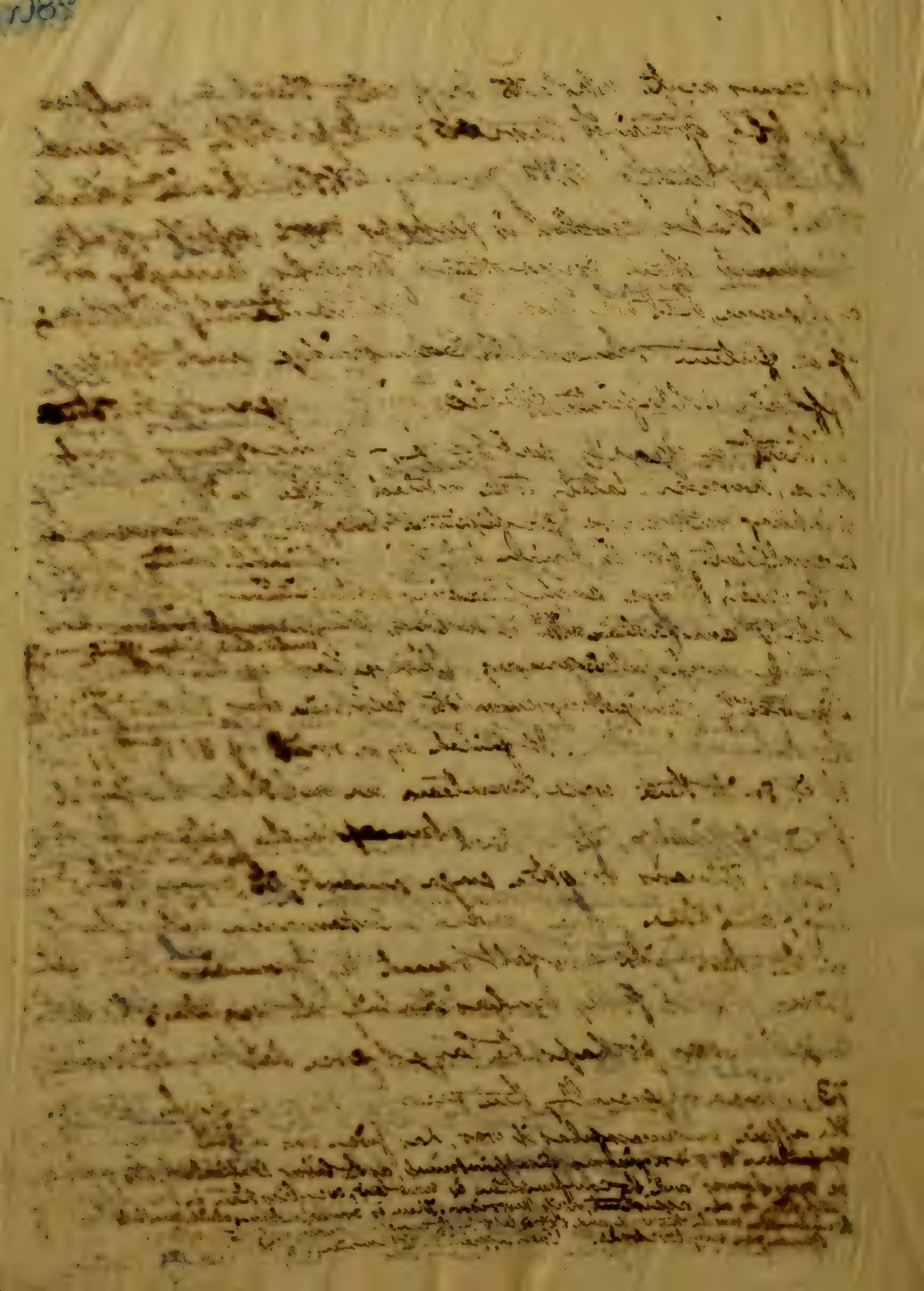

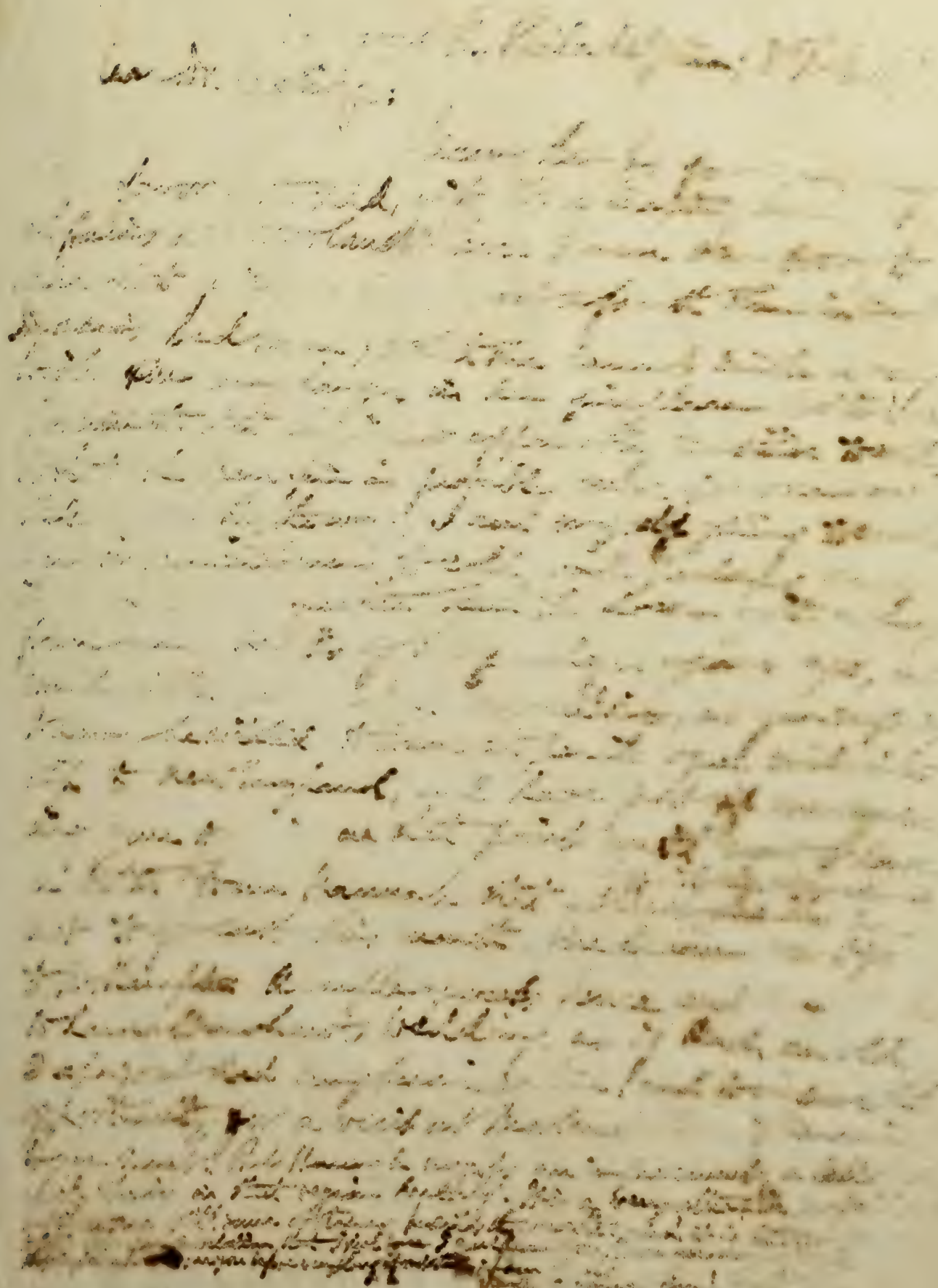

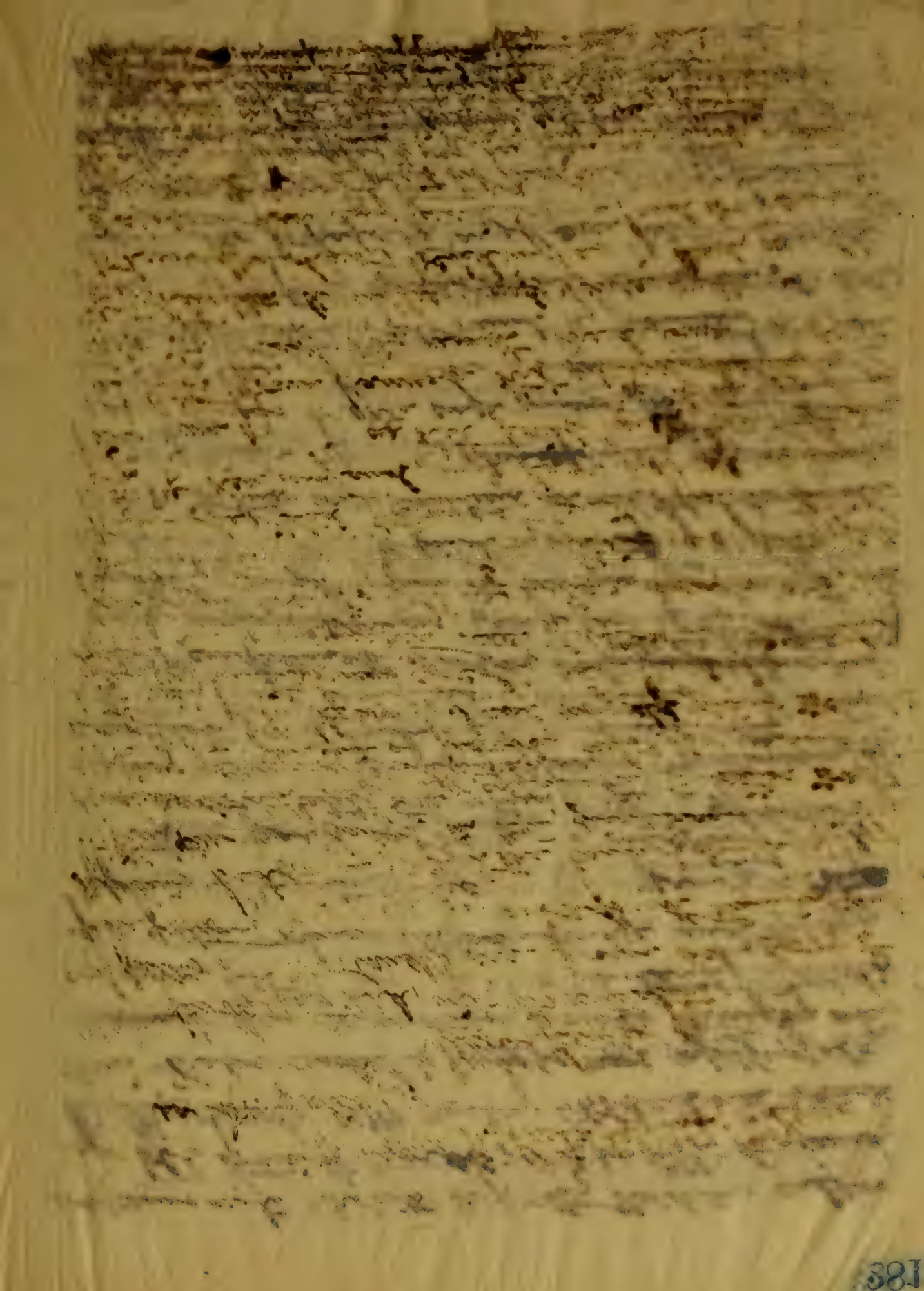

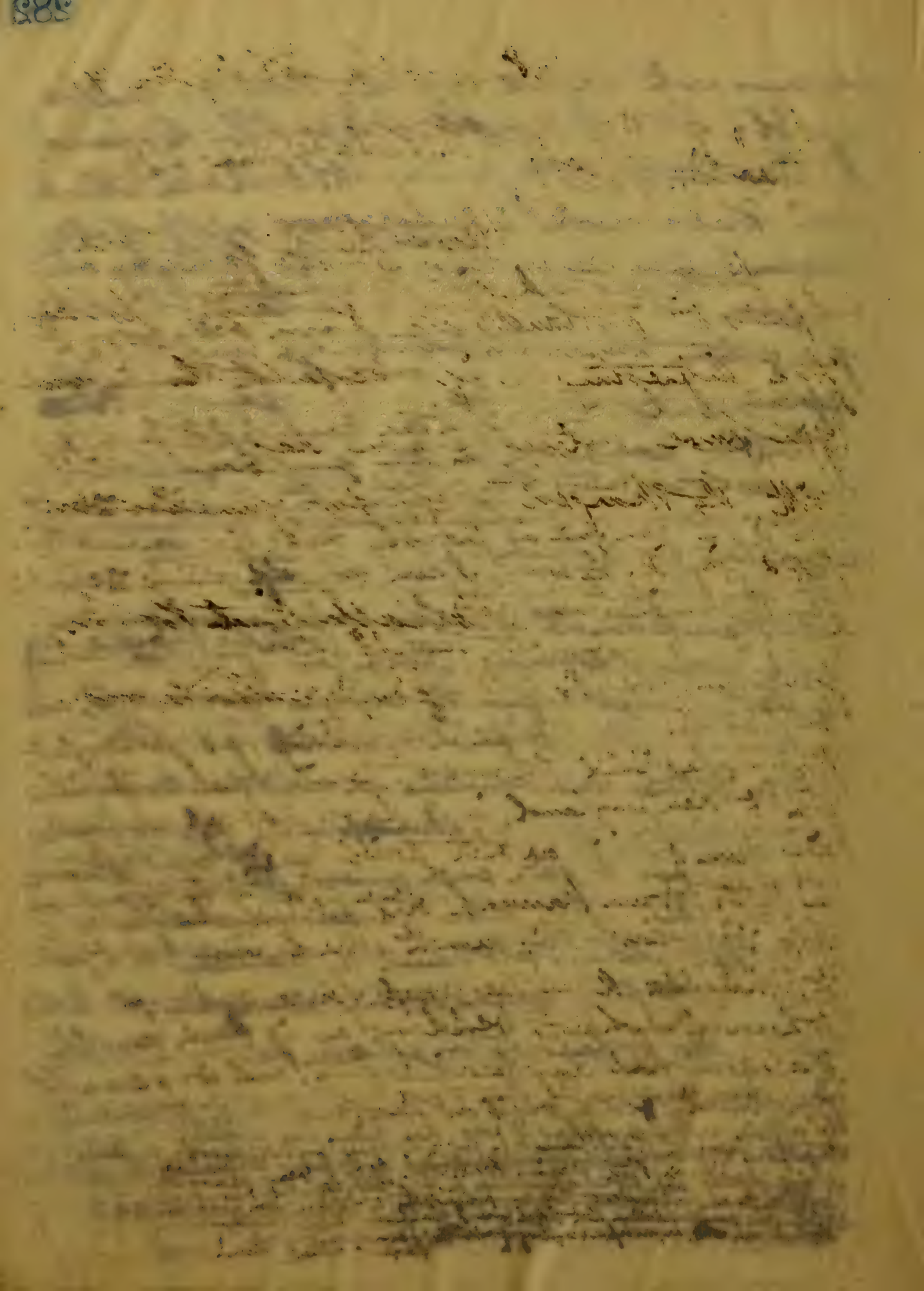

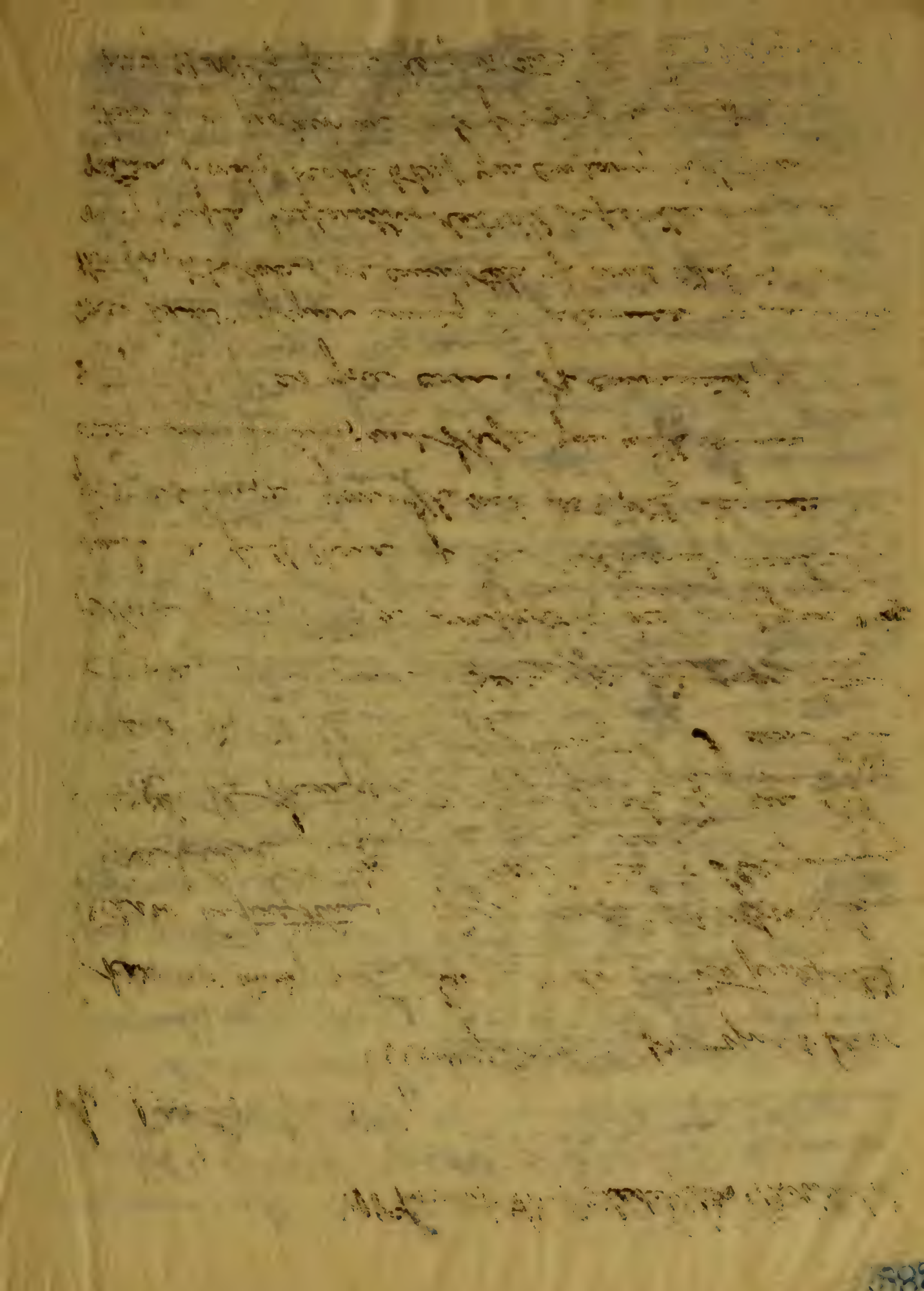

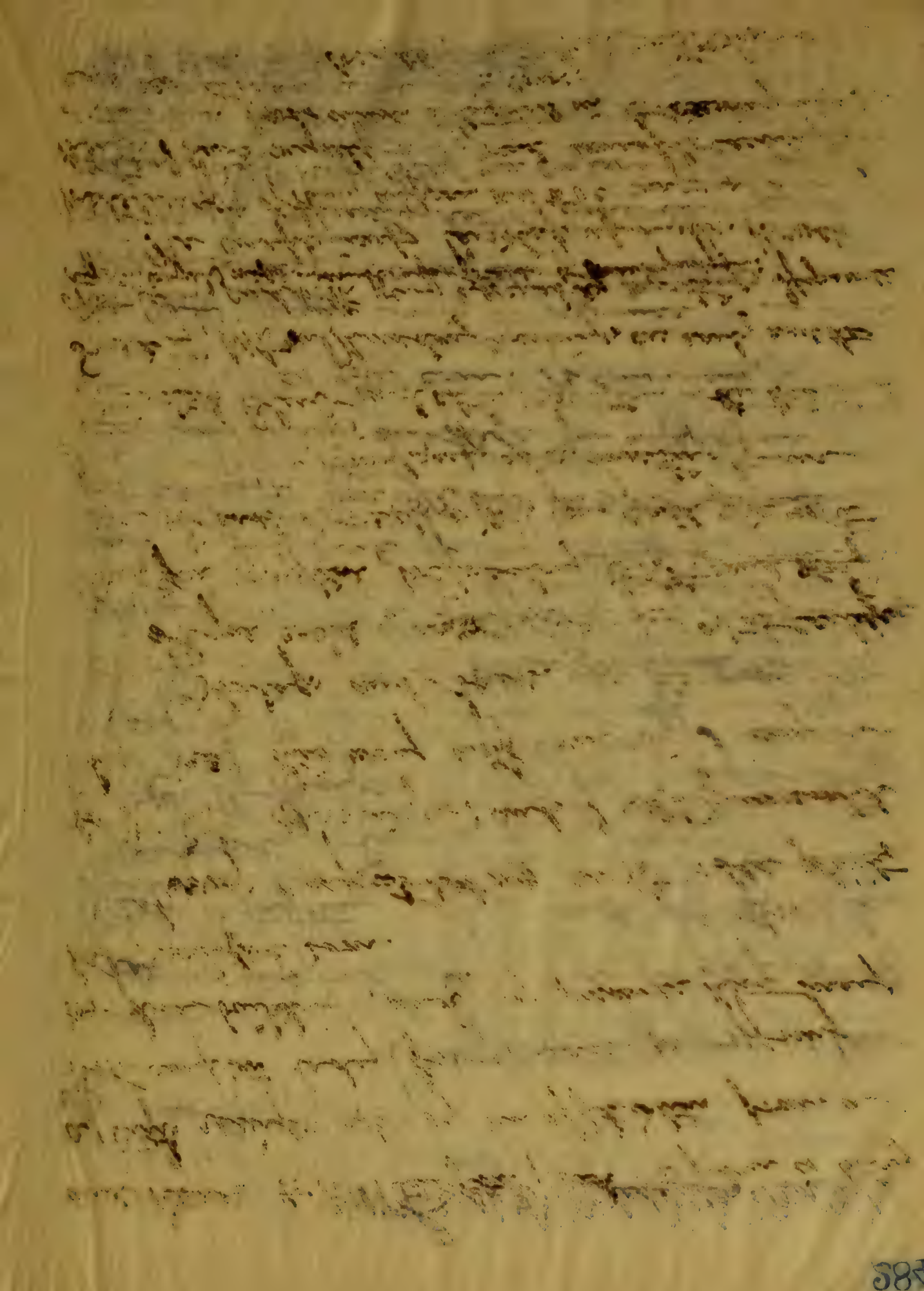

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] on receipt [illegible] [illegible]
his receipt. [illegible] [illegible] sensiner [illegible] a receipt [illegible]
your payment [illegible] I made for myself, and the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] receipt is made and [illegible]
The account then stands as follows.

1870. Received [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]
" [illegible] your subscription and [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]
" Paid for [illegible] [illegible] — 2.[illegible]

23.[illegible]

Balance — 9.9[illegible]

1871. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] money [illegible] [illegible] — 35.[illegible]

45.94
" " " [illegible] subscription [illegible] [illegible]
" " " " " [illegible] 2.50
" " " " " [illegible] [illegible] — 17.50

Balance now unpaid $2[illegible],44

I never paid the subscription [illegible] Coal Trade and
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] because the year
[illegible] [illegible] before I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the matter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] think you would care very much [illegible]
[illegible] I hope this [illegible] [illegible] I will [illegible]

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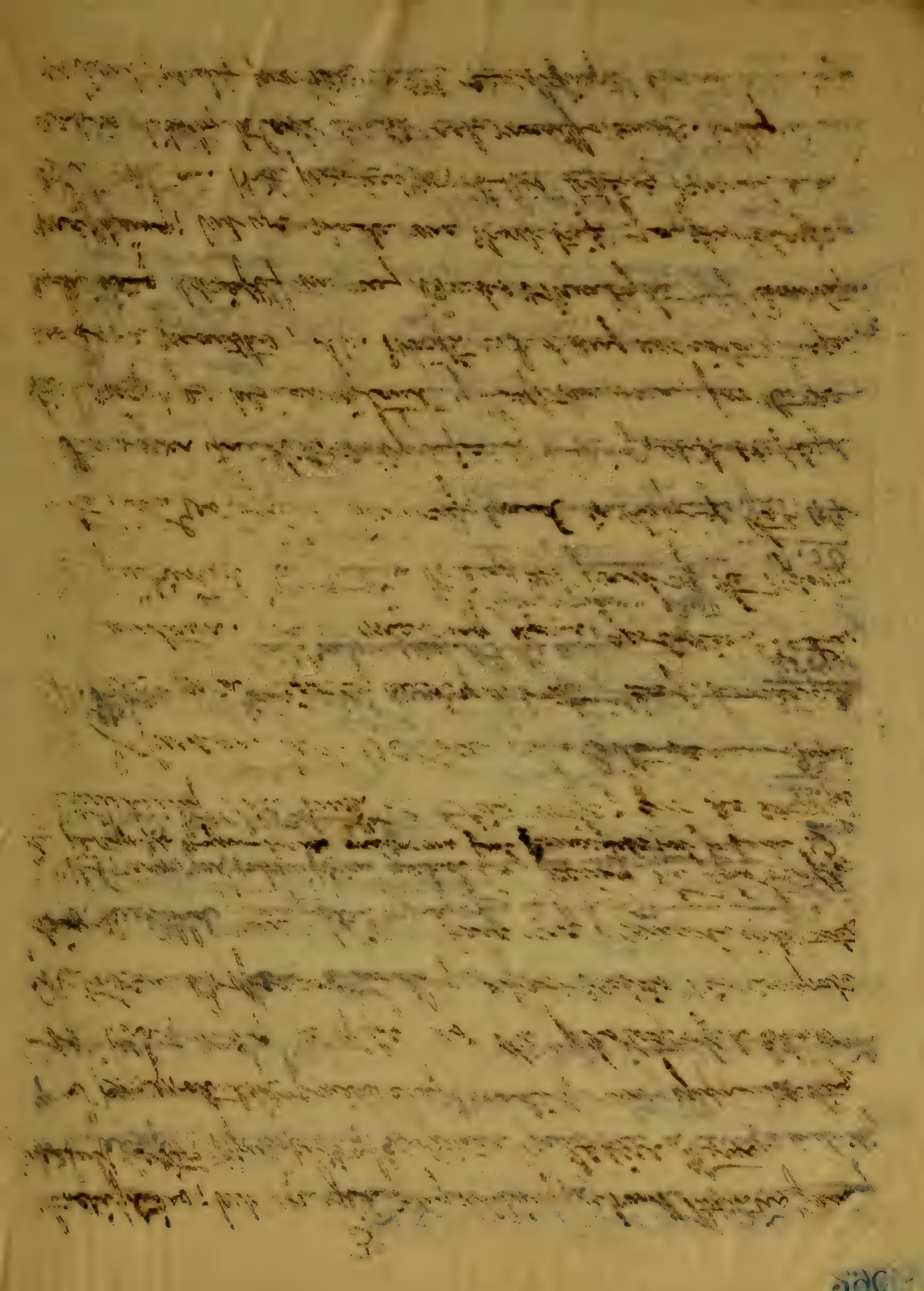

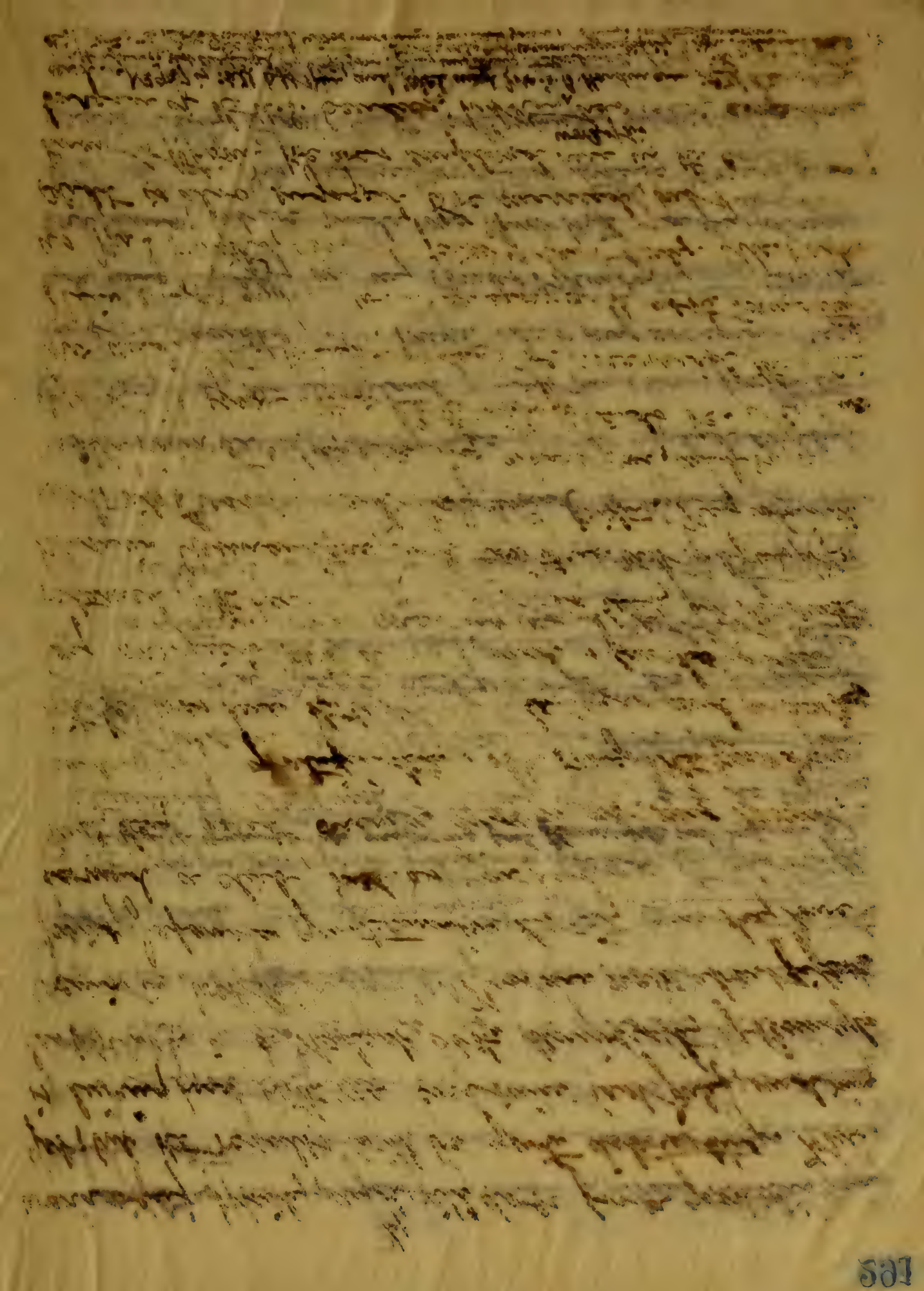

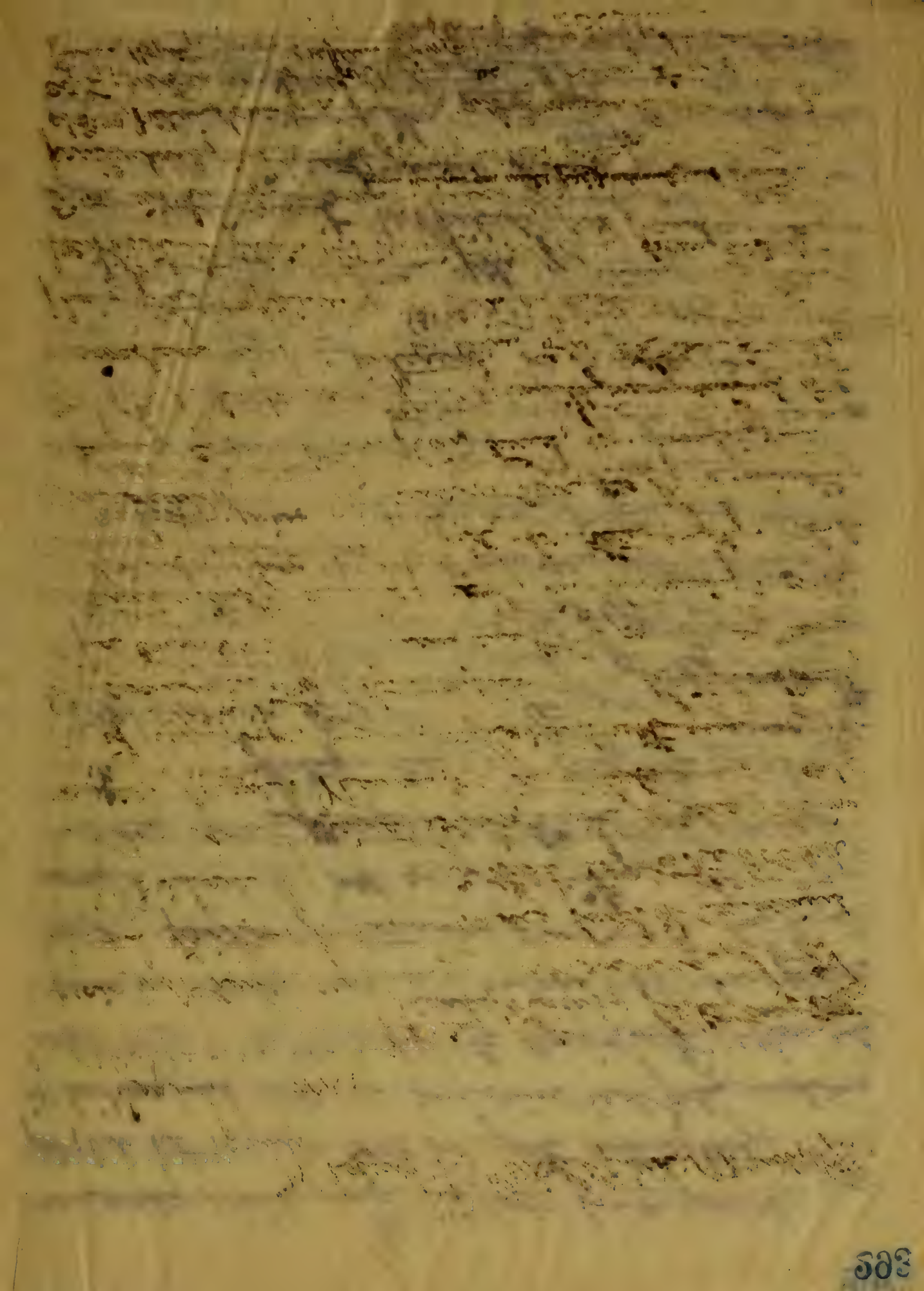

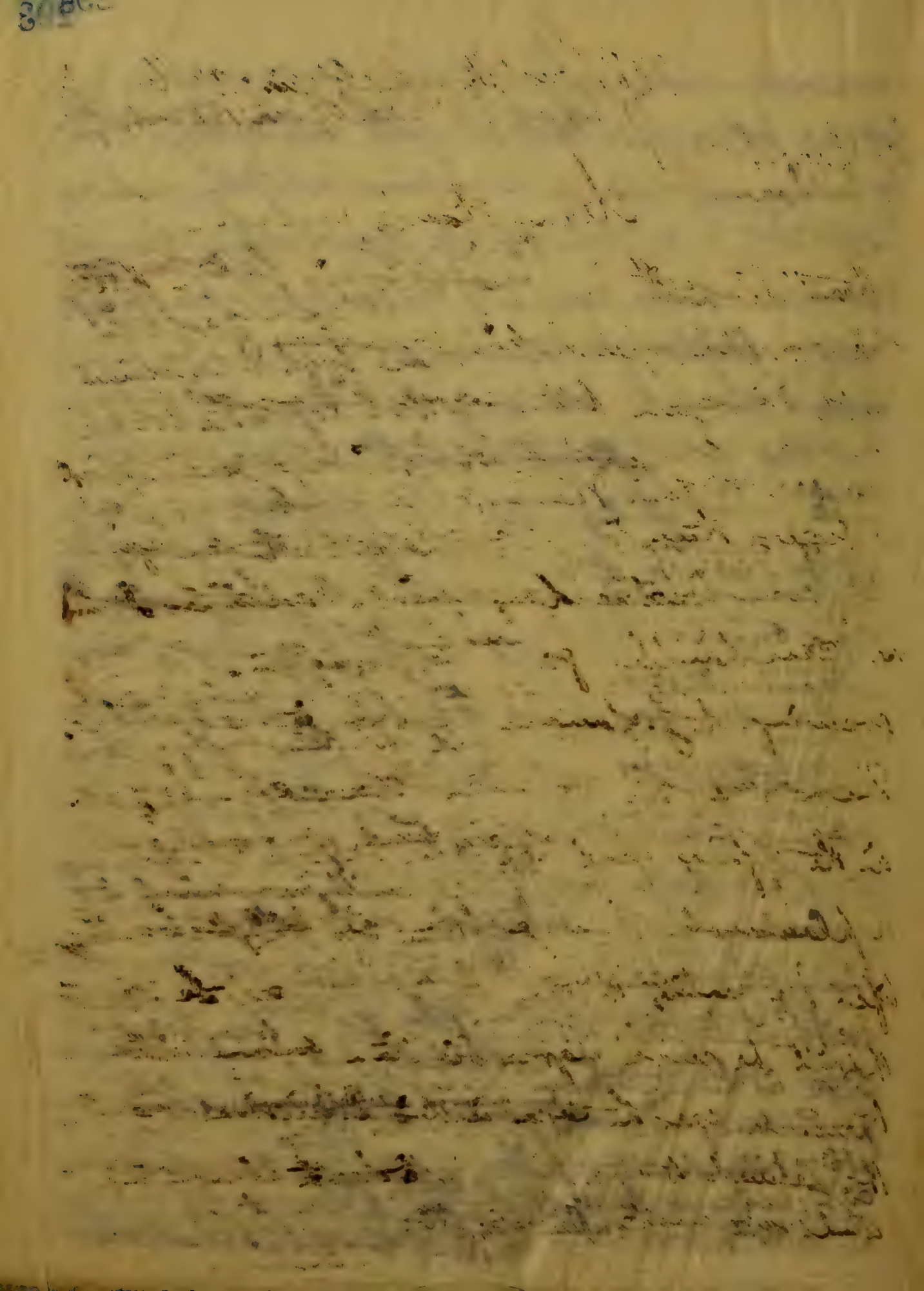

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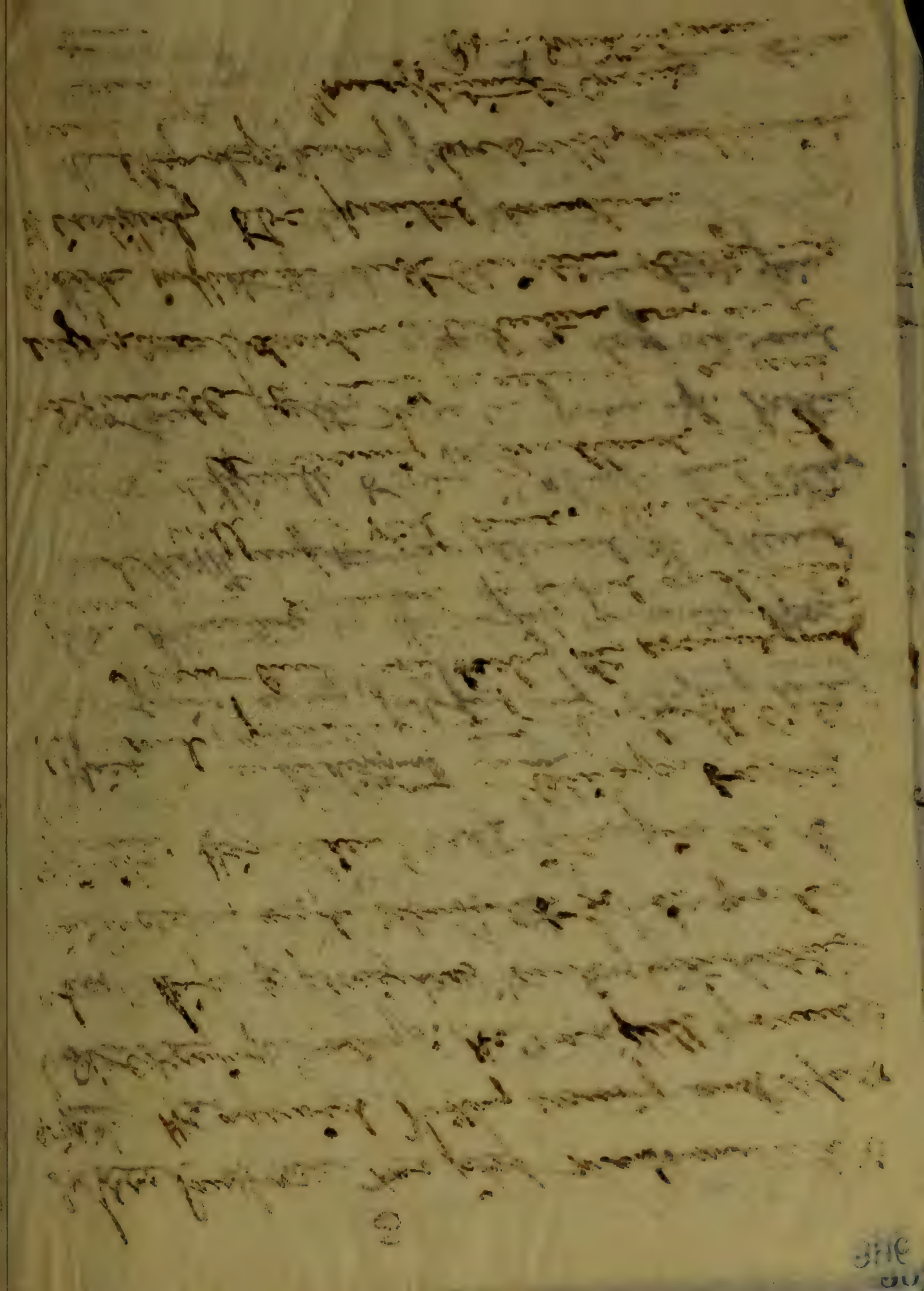
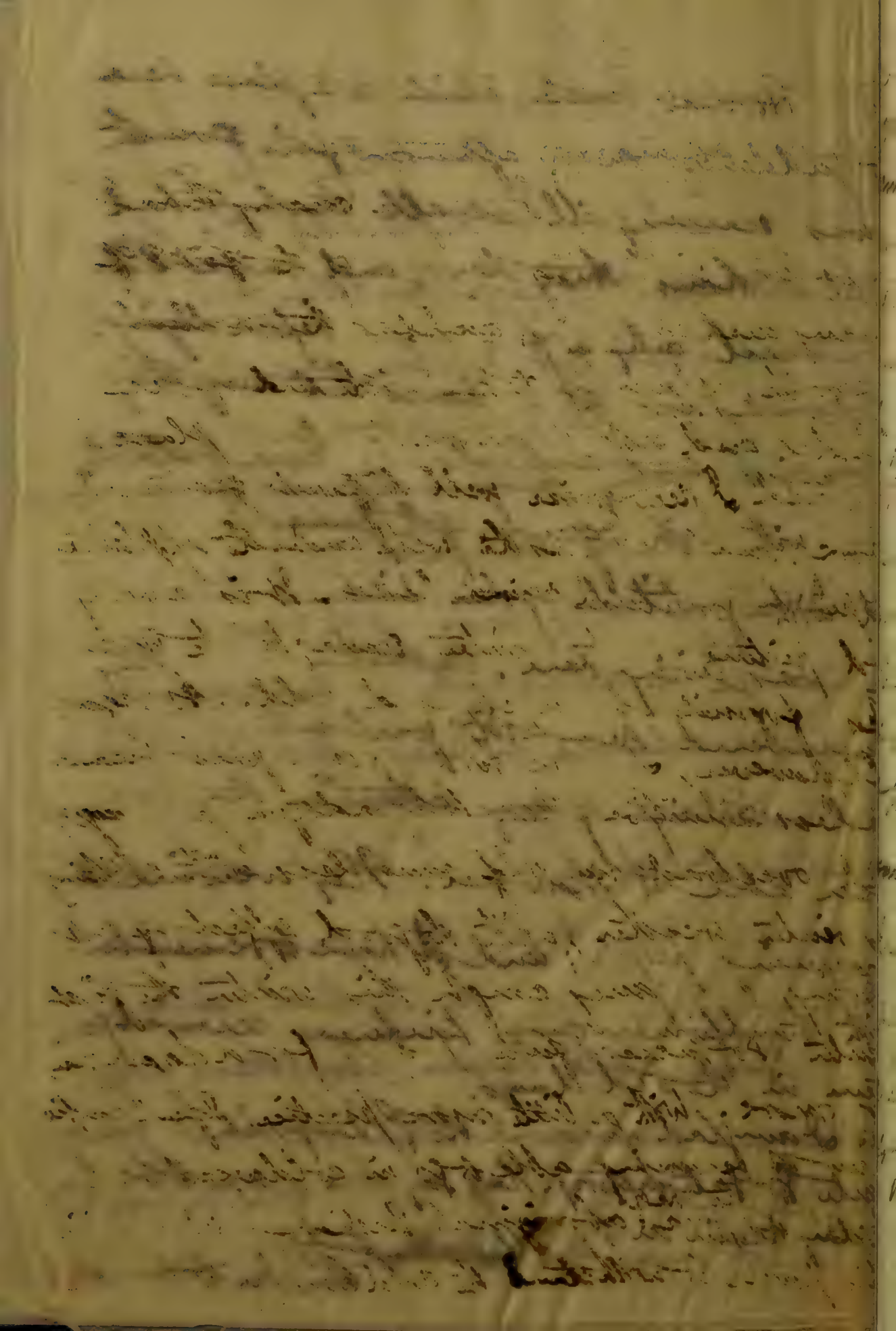


Horace Beale, which took place here
[illegible] afternoon. His remains
were carried to Beale Cemetery, where he had
[illegible] home, and selected the
[illegible] by a [illegible] before dying.
[illegible] for the [illegible] kindness
[illegible] our [illegible]. Even [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] regard [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] their kindness [illegible]
[illegible] during [illegible]. Mrs. Beale [illegible]
[illegible] heartfelt [illegible]
[illegible] kindness [illegible] attention [illegible]
[illegible] able to [illegible]. They were indeed
[illegible] friends; and I have [illegible]
[illegible] kindnesses and kindness received from
[illegible] in their old days.

I am glad you are [illegible] Pleasant [illegible]
[illegible] so satisfactory. [illegible] from the [illegible]
[illegible] there as [illegible].

Yours truly,
[illegible]



me when once — to get some [illegible] from him
[illegible], if I [illegible] to guide his [illegible]. Fanny
[illegible] kind as to write inviting him to visit him
[illegible] time, [illegible] [illegible] difficult anything
[illegible], very agreeable to him. He is doing
[illegible] indifferent things here, with all the [illegible]
[illegible] housekeeping [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] he has to write a [illegible]
[illegible] along with [illegible]
[illegible]. — Mr. Sanborn has just returned
by a visit of two days, from Friday night until
[illegible] night. He had many entertaining things
[illegible] of his [illegible] travels of [illegible].
Aunt [illegible] seems to be getting
well, though (first, and then,) still lame. I saw her this evening
[illegible] pretty well, and in usual dress in
[illegible] parlor. — Please give my love to Aunt
[illegible] and remembrance [illegible]
[illegible]; and believe me always
Your affectionate Cousin
Benj. [illegible]